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Letters and Tomatoes



THE VANISH INQUISITION

I've been a huge fan of MAD magazine since I was eight years old and still am. There's only one problem. Me and my brother put all our MADs in a special place (away from our parents) and they keep disappearing! Is the extreme stupidity in them making them spontaneously combust or am I just too dumb to find them? (I'm going with the latter.)

Ralph White • San Anselmo, CA

The White Stuff — We are positive it's the latter for two reasons. First off, you DO seem dumb. But, more importantly, we've never heard of anything exploding because of its extreme stupidity. If that were the case, you would've been a smoldering crater loooooong ago. Anyhoo, thanks for your question! —Ed.

SITTING BULL

Please help me. I made the mistake of reading a MAD magazine to my son 20 years ago, and now at age 26 he won't go to bed unless I read him MAD. What can I do now? I don't want him on my lap when he's 40!

Don Burden • White Lake, Michigan

Beast of Burden — We have the perfect solution! When you're reading him this issue, be sure to take your time when you get to this letter. After you're done, ask him if he understood the moral of his "bedtime story." Then, before he can answer, scream "It's that Daddy doesn't love you anymore!" push him off your lap and run like the dickens. Repeat each night until he gets the idea (3 months, tops). Your lap will be yours again in no time! Happy to help! —Ed.



Don and son, 1995



PROS AND CONSPIRACIES

I couldn't help but notice you are in the Illuminati. I can prove it. "Alfred" has six letters in it. "Six" has three letters in it. The Illuminati triangle has three sides. Illuminati CONFIRMED!

Lex Scobey • Severn, MD

Lex on the Beach — We have to admit you're right — our cover is blown! But we have a feeling that you, Lex Scobey of Severn, Maryland, are also a part of the shadowy cult that has orchestrated everything from the French Revolution to this season's winner on *The Voice*! Here's the math to prove it! Your letter had 34 words in it. 34 divided by two — the number of words in "Lex Scobey" — is 17. 17 minus six — the number of letters in "Severn" — is 11. And how many letters are in "Illuminati"? 10! Oh, jeez. That's disappointing. It looks like you aren't in the club after all, Lex — you're just some weirdo who sends alarming, faintly insane letters to crappy humor magazines to pass the time! Maybe someday you'll be able to don the rich maroon Illuminati robes that we all lounge around in at the office — but it seems pretty unlikely. Oh well. If it makes you feel any better, we'll say hi to Jay Z for you at the next meeting! —Ed.

POSTAL DISSERVICE

May this letter provide you with a chuckle. I am a retired elementary school teacher who loves your magazine so much that I sponsor a subscription for our local small-town library. All the issues are well-read. Unfortunately, the crown jewel issue of 2014's 20 Dumbest failed to arrive at the library; I bought my copy at the newsstand. I can only conclude there is a postal clerk out there somewhere with a high IQ, a good sense of humor and egregious ethics.

Joyce Cameron • Garden Valley, CA

Almond Joyce — Far be it from the MAD editorial staff to correct a former teacher — we're not that bright (between us, we have three high school diplomas and one poorly-forged G.E.D.) — but it appears that your conclusions about your local postal clerk are only 1/3 correct. Sure, the guy's ethics are egregious — that's why he's stealing magazines while he should be performing other important post office duties, like putting the "next window" sign on the counter while he goes out for a smoke. But how high can his IQ be if he's reading MAD? And "a good sense of humor"? HA! You must be putting us on, Joyce. If you're not, your letter serves as a stinging indictment of not only the U.S. Postal Service, but of the Garden Valley Board of Education as well. It's no wonder California is in such terrible shape! (The postal service and school board are what caused the current droughts, right? As we said earlier, we're not so bright.) —Ed.



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GETTING TO THE POINTLESS

I have been subscribing for two years. I think this is the best magazine out there. But I would like to ask: why do people write to you for advice when you never give advice and just crack funny jokes (which are hilarious). Do they do it just for the free stuff?

Jordi Aguilar • San Bruno, CA

Air Jordi — Who knows why people do what they do? The heart is fickle, Jordi — even more fickle than the kidneys (although not quite as fickle as the small intestine). The whims of the soul are but the wings of a dove, carrying one's desires aloft, fluttering and bold, squirting watery little poops upon unsuspecting passersby. And, yea, even that man down below, angrily scraping his dung-soiled sweater-sleeve against the rough brick façade of the nearest Starbucks has his own secrets, his own illicit yearnings. Was this "advice" helpful, Jordi? Because our passion is helping people. Now where were we? Oh, yeah — enjoy the free stuff! —Ed.

MAD TWEETS



Andy Richter
@AndyRichter

12 Follows

Really hope I make first contact w a space alien so that I can give it a MAD magazine & tell it that that's our newspaper

11:02 PM · 10 Jul 2015

CELEBRITY SNAPS

Hello, MAD! At Niagara Falls Comic-Con my nephew Jaden, Crow T. Robot and I successfully persuaded Alfonso Ribeiro to sully his hands with an issue of MAD! My brother Scott had to work, so as revenge I brought a picture of him in which he's rocking 90's hair.

Jonathan Emerling • Orchard Park, NY

Eagle-eyed MAD readers will remember Jonathan and his nephew also posed with Giancarlo Esposito...while holding a different MST3K robot (Tom Servo). Who knows what the future holds for this rag-tag group of autograph seekers! Will it be Lou Ferrigno and Gypsy? Might it be Peter "Chewbacca" Mayhew and Cambot? Will it culminate in a shot of a confused comic con security guard and a broken electric can opener? The descent into madness is a hell of a ride — we look forward to the show! —Ed.



MAD INK

Zeck Weaver posted this haunting picture of his skeletal Alfred tattoo on our Facebook page. Pretty impressive! Best of all, in a pinch, it can also pass for pretty decent William DaFoe tat! Which reminds us — got some MAD-themed ink? Send it our way! Your mistake is already permanent, so why not immortalize it in the pages of MAD?



THE SUB OF ALL FEARS

I'm a big fan of your mag. Been reading it since teen years but lost track for a while until my grandson was selling magazine subscriptions. I saw it and had to have it. Now my grandson and granddaughter look at me weird, because when I'm reading MAD I can't stop laughing. It's as good as it's ever been. I'll be reading it until I can't read anymore!

Sherrie Doane • Fredricktown, OH

Just Doane It — Good for your grandson! We've always said that selling magazine subscriptions is an excellent way for young people to learn the value of a dollar! Sure, it may mean that a young man loses all respect for his grandmother when he discovers just how terrible her taste in reading material is. But that's a small price to pay! Especially for us — we get those sweet subscription dollars whether he respects you or not! —Ed.

THE GRATING AMERICAN NOVEL

I have been a huge fan of you since I was six. Me and my dad would go to the comic book store every two months to buy MAD. I am now 11 and I have even done a novel response for school on MAD. After reading my novel response my teacher wanted to read the magazine. She was laughing harder than any teacher I've ever heard. I even think she liked it more than me.

Baxter Wright • Seabrook, TX

Don't Forget to Wright — Between Joyce Cameron over in Garden Valley, California, and now your teacher down in Seabrook, Texas, we'd say we have the makings of an epidemic of idiocy sweeping this country's educators! Which makes us wonder three things: first, what sort of "educator" allows a shoddy, poorly-written humor magazine to be considered a "novel"? Second: how on earth could this person not only willingly read such drivel, but actually laugh at it? (Honestly, we've never heard of anyone having that reaction to MAD.) And third: given the poor quality of education you've been subjected to, how the heck were you able to cobble together a comprehensible letter? —Ed.

Letters and Tomatoes



BREAKING ALL THE RUSE

My name is Jordan DeBartolo and I am 11 years old. I love your magazines, they're the best! My favorite part is Spy vs. Spy with all the bombs and stuff! My older brother collected MAD magazines, but he went to college and guess who he gave all his magazines to...ME! I have about 100 magazines, and I promised my brother I would keep collecting MAD magazines! So please keep making more funny and absolutely stupid magazines!

Jordan DeBartolo • Brantford, Ontario

Flash Jordan — Forgive us if we weren't made more than a little suspicious by your letter. We couldn't help but notice that you share a last name with MAD's maddest writer, Dick DeBartolo — whose claim to MAD fame, of course, is that he's had an article in an astonishing 432 straight issues of the magazine. This Col Ripken-like streak has made him wealthy beyond belief — and he needs it! Why, his monthly mustache-upkeep bill alone sometimes runs into the four figures. But to keep this plush lifestyle afloat, MAD must never stop publishing, so he can continue to cash those lucrative bi-monthly checks. So we have to ask you, Jordan: are you Dick's nephew? Or his second cousin, twice removed? And did he corner you at the annual DeBartolo family reunion and put you up to asking us to "keep making stupid magazines"? Because if he did, well, that's just a shameful conflict of interest. Although, frankly, after more than 50 years of dealing with the guy, almost nothing would surprise us! —Ed.

IT'S DEMANDS WORLD

I'm 7 years old and just started reading MAD — STOP THE DANG SWEARING! Where do you live, in a trailer park? If I want to hear swearing I'll hide my 14-year-old sister's cell phone. Ok, let's change the subject. Here are some things to improve your magazine. 1) More English accents. 2) Have Weird Al and Alfred E. Neuman appear in every magazine. 3) Make Spy vs. Spy less bloody. 4) More singing and dancing.

Jack Klug • Lake Geneva, WI

Klugger Lang — MAD readers go through two stages — the first is "just started reading MAD" — followed almost immediately by "just stopped reading MAD." We hope we caught you in time! We'll do our best to address your concerns, but they seem pretty crazy and off-base. For starters, we're not sure what you mean about the swearing, but your credibility is hurt by your OWN salty language ("Dang"?!!? Give us some warning before you drop the D-bomb!) Regarding the rest: 1) Everything is already written with an English accent — you're obviously just reading it wrong. 2) We'll meet you halfway and put Alfred in every issue. 3) Make Spy vs. Spy less bloody? Is this about the English accents again? Less bloody what? Less bloody entertaining? Less bloody stupid? Boy, you really don't get English accents. 4) We don't know about singing and dancing, but now that we're done answering your letter, there'll be celebrating of SOME kind! —Ed.



READER ALERT

Was your letter printed in this issue? Well, hold onto your chiseles, Gepetto, because you've got some awesome freebies coming your way! You'll be getting the Star Wars Epic Yarns trilogy, courtesy of our friends at Chronicle Books; a Blu-ray combo pack of Batman Unlimited: Monster Mayhem, from our buds at Warner Bros. Home Entertainment; The Complete Peanuts, 1995-1998 from our chums at Fantagraphics; and Out of Line: The Art of Julie Ferrer, courtesy of our amigos at Abrams ComicArts! All this swell stuff — just for writing a letter to some dumb magazine! Can you believe it? U-S-A! U-S-A!



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I am grateful to my wife, Susan, for sticking by me through this trying time.

I want to say thank you to all of those who supported me throughout this ordeal.

I truly believe that I can change.

I sincerely regret that my words were misinterpreted.

Nothing is more important to me than regaining the public's trust.

I am grateful to my wife, Susan, for waiting until the media circus dies down before filing for divorce and taking me for every dollar I have.

I want to say f**k you to all of those who turned on me throughout this ordeal.

I truly believe that I can change my image.

I sincerely regret that I accidentally let everyone know I'm a racist.

Nothing is more important to me than not being caught again.

The Fast 5 FINDINGS IN THE INVESTIGATION OF FIFA

- 1 Although it somehow became assumed over the years, there's actually no rule saying that players can't touch the ball with their hands.
- 2 Had FIFA's corruption not been exposed, East Timor was in line to get the World Cup in 2026.
- 3 According to a high-level source who requested anonymity, soccer doesn't appear to be as popular in the U.S. as it is in other countries.
- 4 Early soccer balls were made from pig and cow bladders. Nothing scandalous there; the investigators just found that to be an interesting bit of trivia.
- 5 In order to stay focused on finances, most FIFA officials abstain from sex the night before accepting a big bribe.



The Godfrey Report

In	5 Minutes Ago	Out
Slappong	Carping	Knoshin' it
Kale-chips	Potato chips	Wood chips
Plannested	Bamboozled	Discombodulated
Entrepreneur	Dealers	Pushers
Squares	Pegs	Paddy-daddys

The Yungbluth and the Restless



* SENATOR, LET'S TALK ABOUT THE ROLE "BIG HONEY" IS PLAYING IN YOUR CAMPAIGN.

PAGES

Children's Books for 20-Somethings

How to Annoy the Staff at Dollar Tree

Ask for directions to Family Dollar. When they don't know, say, "How about Dollar General?"

Tell a clerk to direct you to the "Made In America" aisle.

Move the decimal point two spaces to the right on the store's awning.

Pick up every item in the store and shout out, "Can someone please tell me how much this is?"

Ask the cashier if the store accepts dollar-off coupons.



Writer: Alison Granda Artist: Norman C.A. Pope



Writer: Ben Katchumir Artist: Adam Colwell



WHAT ARE PHONEBOOKS STILL GOOD FOR?



Transforming your apartment into a real life Minecraft



Showing off how analog you are at hipster coffee shops



Strapping to your feet to circumvent roller coaster height requirements



Keeping tabs on the weirdos in your town who still have landlines



Propping up your iPad while you use it to look up addresses and phone numbers

Writer: Emma Hall Artist: John Marks

THE FUNDALINI PAGES

New Words We Desperately Need

Schadendroid (n.) Pleasure derived from the outdated cell phones of others.

Brobotomy (n.) The collective lack of higher brain function that occurs when groups of men get together.

Résuméybe (n.) A list of job qualifications that aren't entirely true.

Po-potography (n.) The act of filming police so that they (hopefully) won't kill you.

Apathletic (adj.) The quality of not giving a crap about professional sports.

Pillaxin' (n.) Same as chillaxin', but with the aid of prescription medications.

Illustration: Jimmy Gail

Oy Vey!



"CAN'T YOU TAKE A BREAK? YOU'RE ON VACATION."

ACTION FILM CATCH-PHRASES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED



The Hurtler (1994)



Pacifist Club (2004)



If You Don't Die When I Shoot You the First Time, I'll Just Shoot You Again (2005)



Revenge of the Avengers Vengeance II: The Revenge (1992)



Forceful Force (1988)

Illustration: Jeff Kunkin Illustration: Wayne Pope

Samuel Ferri's Misconnected Moments



When someone is too timid to end a relationship, they may commit a subtle series of passive-aggressive acts in hopes of getting the other party to do it.



If you want to find out how a 'NO LAITERING' sign comes to look like this, you've got to hang around aimlessly in the same place for a while.



Like salmon swimming upstream, the Swedish fish attempt the perilous journey back to their own breeding grounds.

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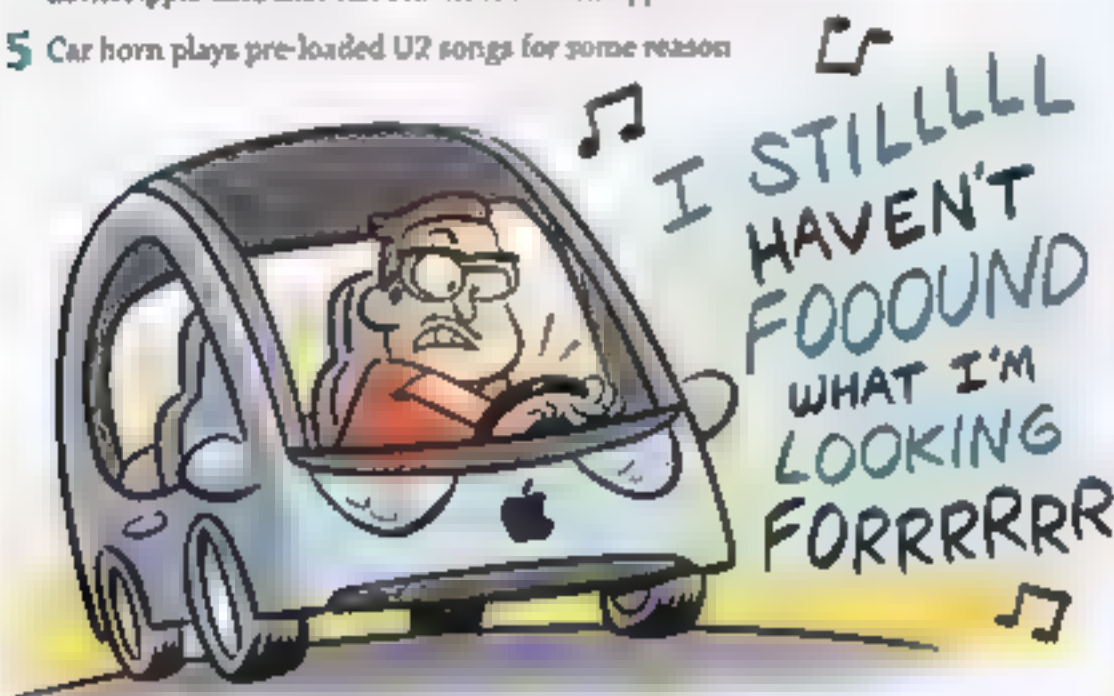
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The Faster 5

THE APPLE CAR: WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR

- 1 Will only be slightly bigger than the iPhone 6 Plus
- 2 Unlike all other Mac products, will come with windows installed
- 3 Will make texting while driving a crime of the past with the introduction of home movie editing while driving
- 4 Will drastically reduce Genius Bar wait times due to all the suckers with broken-down Apple Cars that can't make it to their appointments
- 5 Car horn plays pre-loaded U2 songs for some reason



GUN CONTROL BY THE NUMBERS

47%

Percentage of gun owners who hide their guns in a drawer labeled "Hot Guns"



3 Reasons Congress Hasn't Passed More Gun Legislation

- 1 Scared to alienate its base of gun-wielding psychopaths
- 2 Too busy right now ignoring climate change
- 3 Mythical "good guy with a gun" could show up any day now



What's in your pants?

83%
Gun

12%
Candy bar

5%
Other

27
Total number of "well-regulated militia" members who can correctly spell "militia"

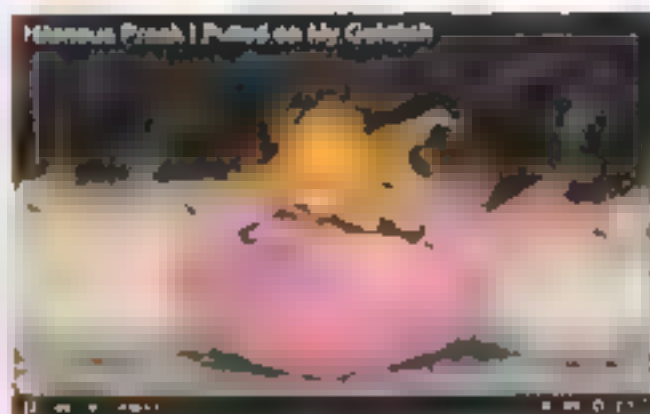
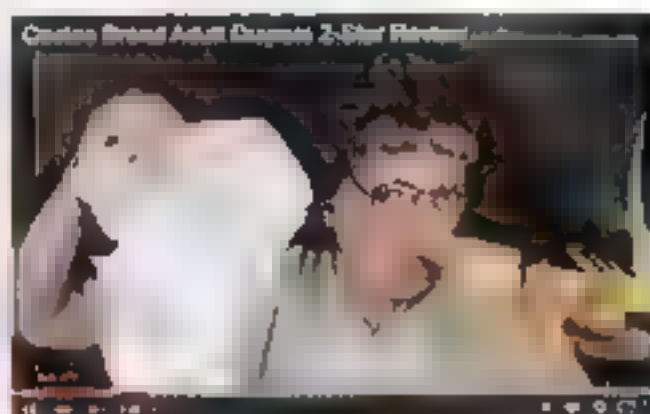
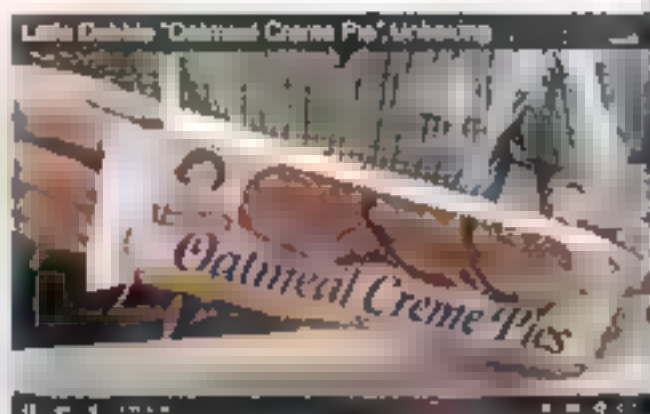


53%

Score for *Hated Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear on Rotten Tomatoes*



YouTube Videos That Didn't Go Viral



DONALD TRUMP



15 GOP candidates
held hostage by one
tomato-headed asshat
and his towering,
40-story ego.

He won't back down.
He'll never shut up.

BLOW HARD WITH A VENGEANCE

Hey, primary voters: Yippee-ki-yay, Motherf**kers!



Six superheroes who are always searching. Searching for buildings to destroy. Searching for cars to blow up. Searching for villains to punch and pound. If only they combined all of their powers, all of their knowledge, all of their wisdom and searched for a clever, non-formulaic movie script. Ha! Some things are too fantastic to imagine even for superheroes! In the meantime, we're stuck with these dolts who only care about finding their next CGI-heavy battle. Here are...

Hold it! At the end of their first big-screen adventure, the heroes had beaten Hoki-Poki and taken his power scepter. Now, in the first moments of this sequel, they're charging through a forest, fighting us to retrieve the same scepter. How did we end up with it? That unexplained plot point only exists to set up an excuse for this pointless battle scene!

Shut up, you wet blanket! Just flip through the air and scream "YAAH EEEEE!"
Okay
YAAH EEEEE!

became Crapbag America by agreeing to be infected with the "Super Soldier Serum," and because I got big and strong. I became the beloved patriotic symbol of freedom. Suck it, Barry Bonds. Then I was cryogenically frozen in time for decades, so anything that's happened after the 1940s confuses and upsets me. That's why I was offered my own show on Fox News. But they retracted the offer after they found out I believe in helping the weak!

SCAVENGERS

AGE OF MORON



WRITER: DERMOND DEVLIN
ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND

Can you believe this putz is our strategic leader? A man who goes into gun battles while carrying a giant metal target? Meanwhile, who pays the group's bills? Me. Iron Can! I can afford it, though I've made billions by building advanced weapons without giving a second thought to all the innocent people that they will kill. But don't call me heartless. I've got a hi-tech heart that glows, and picks up Wi-Fi. Would have died if I hadn't switched out my original failing heart with some spare metal parts. By flashlight. Inside a cave. Or as the Republicans call it, their replacement plan for Obamacare!

I am a god who is no longer worshiped. I just don't get it! I thought thou a ways liked blondes with big boobs! And yetteth, somehow I'm #4 at best on a six-hero roster. Such dishonor! Such disrespect. Not even an endorsement deal for me and my enchanted hammer! Get your head out of thine ass, Ace Hardware!

My name is Hackneyed. I shoot arrows.



I'm Ass Wiggle, and I'm an expert at 38 different styles of martial arts, including ju-jitsu, Tae Kwon Do, Muay Chaiya, Wiz Khalifa, Daenerys Targaryen, and Chick-Fil-A! Unfortunately, my only purpose in this film is to calm down the Bulk, to be in a dippy love story with him, and to get myself captured. Feminists are irate about the way I'm portrayed. But they're not seeing my hardcore side. I once stitched a needlepoint pattern of the words "GIRL POWER." We will find the scepter. We will find the six Ianity Stones. The only thing we can't find is a movie script starring me!

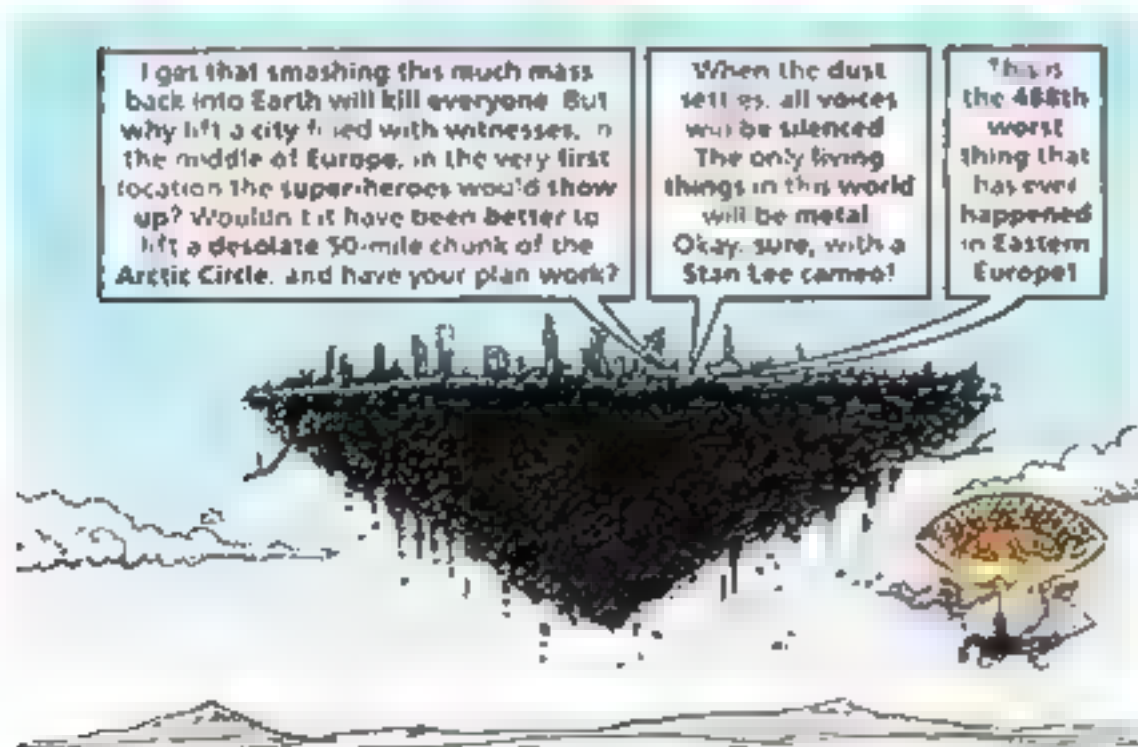
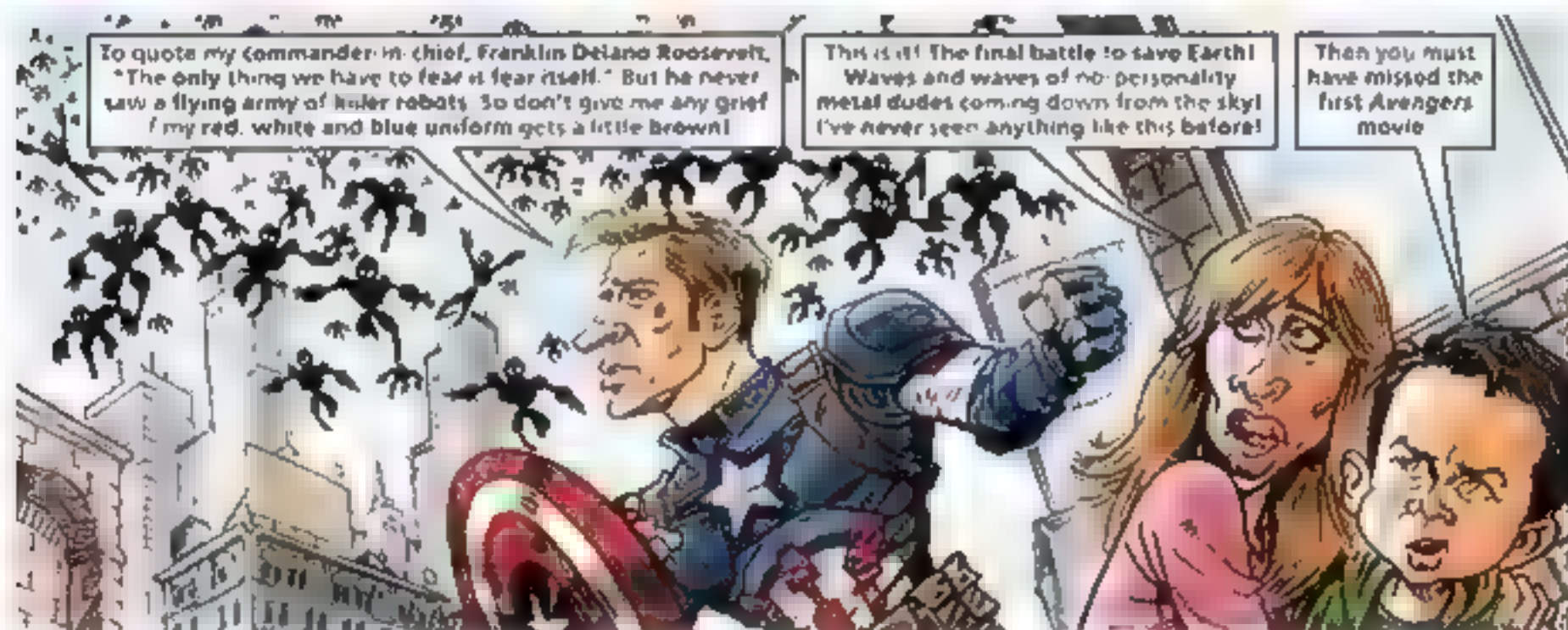
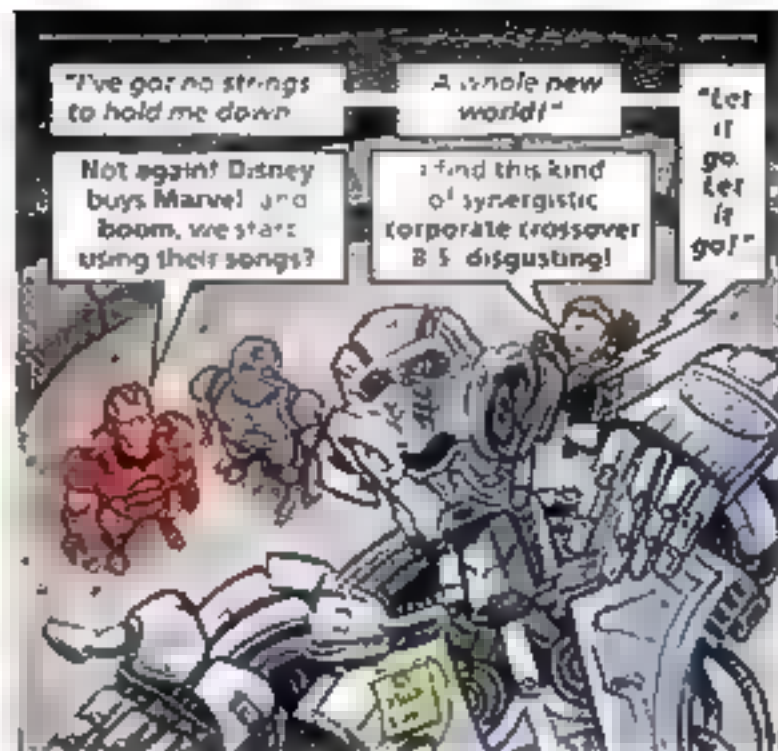
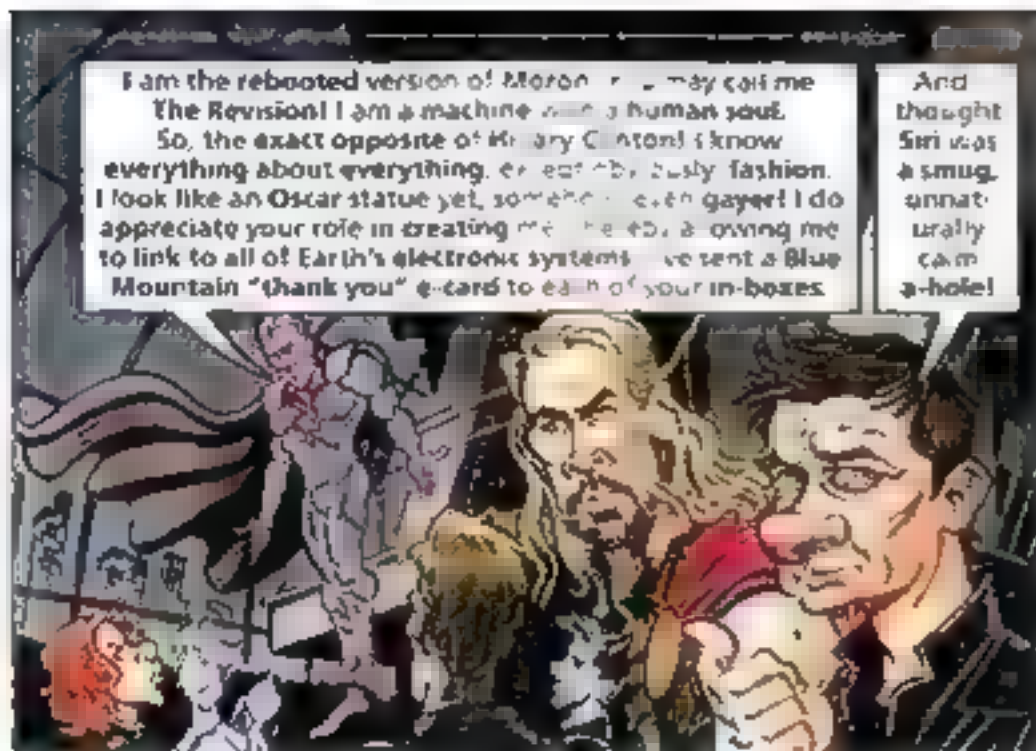
Every time I Bruce Banjo, change into the Bulk. I instantaneously grow 40 inches in height, add half ton of weight, and turn green. That's believable. But when Scarlett Johansson actively pursues me and begs me to have sex with her, I'm reluctant to do so. Now THAT'S far-fetched!

TRANSLATION
BULK SMASH! BULK CRUSH! Bulk hate MODIFIERS! Bulk hate PREPOSITIONS! Bulk also FRAGMENTIZE, GRANULATE, and COMMUNUTE! Bulk just buy new thesaurus!

Say "zdraveyte" to me, the Scarlet Wisp! That's Bulgarian for "hello." Now you know why no one ever wants to say hello to a Bulgarian! Technically, my brother and I are from the tiny Eastern European country Madeupistan. It's located between Boguslavakia and Pleasedon! (checkgooglemaps.uaiania!)

And I'm her brother, Scenefiller! My power is superspeed! Last week binge-watched television shows ALL of them. I'm fast, fast, fast! During this very sentence, between the words "the" and "between," I zipped to the end of this issue, did the Fold-In, and ran back! Another Jaffee triumph!

These two got their powers thanks to me, Baron von Strudel! My specialty is human genetic experimentation. How bad am I? I'm the one who made Steven Tyler look like that! I'm even eeeeeevil! See my monocle? Only the very worst villains are allowed to wear evil monocles, like the Penguin, or Mr. Peanut!



Remember Team, we've got to protect the ordinary people we
 ahead and come coming in this day and age. But... we've got to
 kind of traditional 1940s American values that say, "Gosh darn,
 you oughta give the other fellow a fair shake." Unfortunately, we also
 believe that striking auto workers are a Commie rat, and we ought to
 beaten in the clubs, and it's okay to have segregated water fountains.
 And... these fast-paced American values have aged as well as others!



AT LEAST WE'RE
 NOT GREEK

Ooooooh I zipped when
 I should have zapped
 Zapped all the way to
 China! GURGGHKK!
 Though I die, at least
 saved an innocent child.
 A stupid innocent child!

Truly, he was the
 fastest man on
 Earth. The only
 thing faster is
 how fast the
 movie audiences
 will forget him!

Sorry about
 that. Did I
 mean to
 murder him?
 In my defense,
 I thought he
 was Guy Fieri!



Just killed
 you.
 ripped out
 his static
 heart. I'm
 bare hands.

No. I just killed Moront
 had a unnervingly calm
 philosophical take & take
 on this different his
 which ended with
 blasted his take off.

OMG! Get a clue! It's an
 incomprehensibly vast artificial
 intelligence program that
 exists as packets of metadata
 simultaneously throughout the
 entire cyberstructure of the world!

And you two
 stooges seriously
 be hard beating
 the wet as easy
 as dropping
 your iPhone?

You think stripping my body
 for parts is the end of ME?
 the most robust digital force ever!
 Come on. I you Instagram a photo
 of your boobs from spring break
 impossible to delete. From my b



Emotional trauma! Teammate against teammate! The savage deaths of loved
 ones. And now, at last, at this can be yours! On the plus side, at least you've
 got your work schedules locked in for the next decade! 2016: Civil War!
 2018: Infinity War, Part II! 2019: Infinity War, Part II! Possibilities: guest spots
 in Guardians of the Galaxy 2 or Thor 3 or Dr. Strange or Black Panther or
 Captain Marvel or Inhumans or the next five reboots of Spider-Man or the

Thermos says SHUT UP already. Talk about an anticlimax!
 Are you KIDDING me with this minor league team of C-list
 backups? I've been in BOTH Avengers films, but only
 during the end credits, and for a combined total of nine
 seconds! And I'm already WAY more interesting than the
 friggin' Falcon! So strap in - it'll be three more years and
 ten more movies before they finally get around to me!



Are You a FOODIE... or NOT?

YOU'RE A FOODIE if you refuse to eat fruits that aren't organically grown...



If you refuse to eat fruits that aren't in Skittles form, **YOU'RE NOT**



YOU'RE A FOODIE if you know exactly which parts of the blowfish are okay to eat, and which parts will kill you...



If you know the same thing about the buffet at Golden Corral, **YOU'RE NOT**



YOU'RE A FOODIE if you know the difference between a salad fork and a dinner fork...



If you sometimes confuse your sports with your hand, **YOU'RE NOT**



YOU'RE A FOODIE if you keep all your recipes in a cookbook or computer file...



If you keep all your recipes on the side of the Hamburger Helper box where you found them, **YOU'RE NOT**



YOU'RE A FOODIE if you send your compliments to the chef...



If you send your fan mail to Chef Boyardee, **YOU'RE NOT**



YOU'RE A FOODIE if you never eat at the same restaurant twice...



If you have Domino's set up as your iPhone emergency contact, **YOU'RE NOT**



YOU'RE A FOODIE if you've ever eaten from a gourmet food truck.



If you've ever eaten from an overturned grocery truck, **YOU'RE NOT**



YOU'RE A FOODIE if you ask the waiter what wine pairs best with the filet mignon...



If you ask the 7-11 clerk what Skurpees flavor pairs best with the day-old nacho cheese, **YOU'RE NOT**



YOU'RE A FOODIE if you always take pictures of your food at a restaurant...



If you only eat at restaurants where the menu has pictures of food on it, **YOU'RE NOT**



YOU'RE A FOODIE if you search Yelp for 5-star ratings.



If you search Yelp for the phrase "free refills," **YOU'RE NOT**



YOU'RE A FOODIE if you love to spend time in the kitchen perfecting your culinary skills...



If you occasionally toast your Pop-Tarts when you're feeling fancy, **YOU'RE NOT**



YOU'RE A FOODIE if you use "brunch" as a verb...



If you do the same with "Fourthmeal," **YOU'RE NOT**



It's tough to express sympathy when someone suffers a loss. We're not talking about the loss of a loved one - that's easy! There are tons of sympathy cards you can send when that happens! But what about when someone suffers a different kind of loss - what do you do then? Luckily, MAD has come to the rescue - you can just read this article and delay coming up with a real solution!

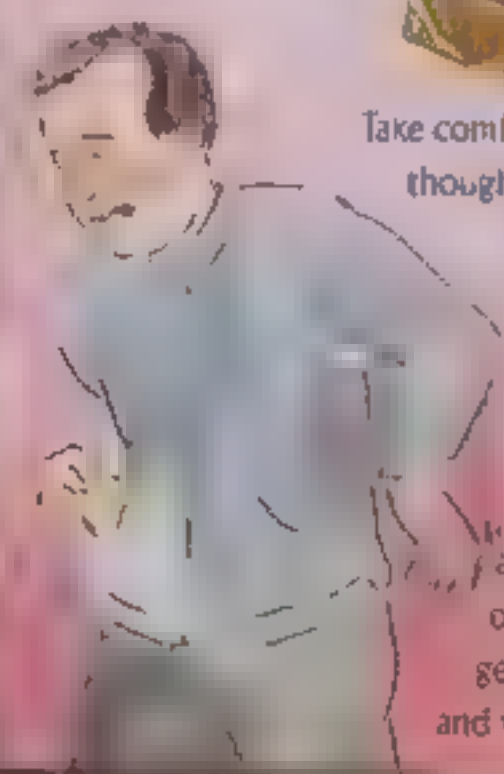
Expressing sympathy (which we wish we could buy

*So Sorry to Hear
You've Lost Your
Bladder Control*

at times when
it's hard to know
just what to say
when someone tells you
but please know we keep
your opinion secret from
our readers



*When a Wallet
Leaves too Soon...*



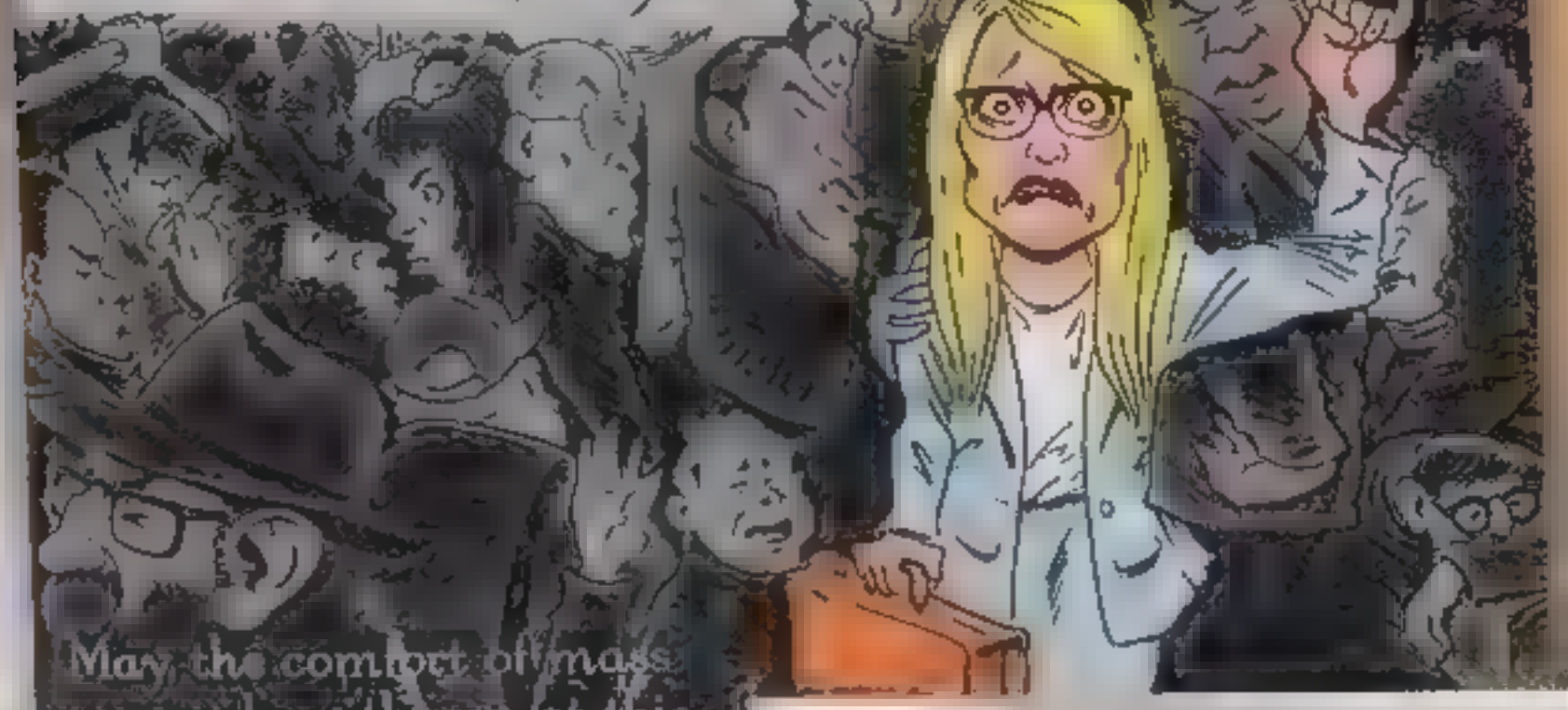
Take comfort in knowing my
thoughts will be with you
as you begin the
healing process
of canceling
your credit cards,
changing your
ATM pin code
and spending hours
on line at the DMV
getting a new license
and vehicle registration.

*On the Loss of
Your Patience*

Know that the souls you frighten
with your diabolical threats
are in our thoughts



*Sincere Condolences on the Loss of
Your License, Again*



May the comfort of mass
transit be with you at this
difficult time

*Heartfelt Sorrow on the
Loss of Your Erection*



Let the cheerleader you shared
together sustain you during this
not-so-hard time.

*With Sympathy on
the Loss of
Your Marbles*



Take solace in the knowledge that these
heartfelt condolences might as well be
a tuna sandwich for all you know

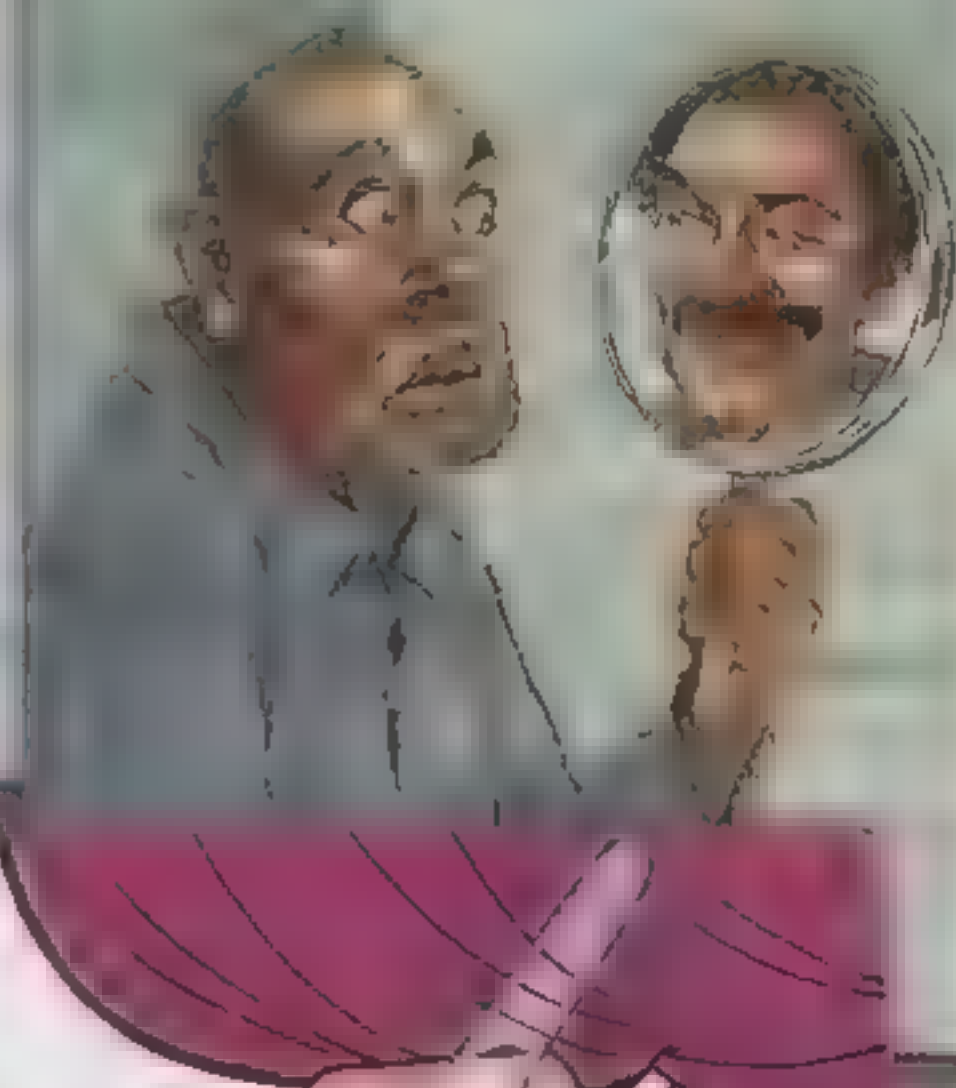
*Let the memory of your
other sock shine*



*and may the warmth and love you
it created be with you always.*

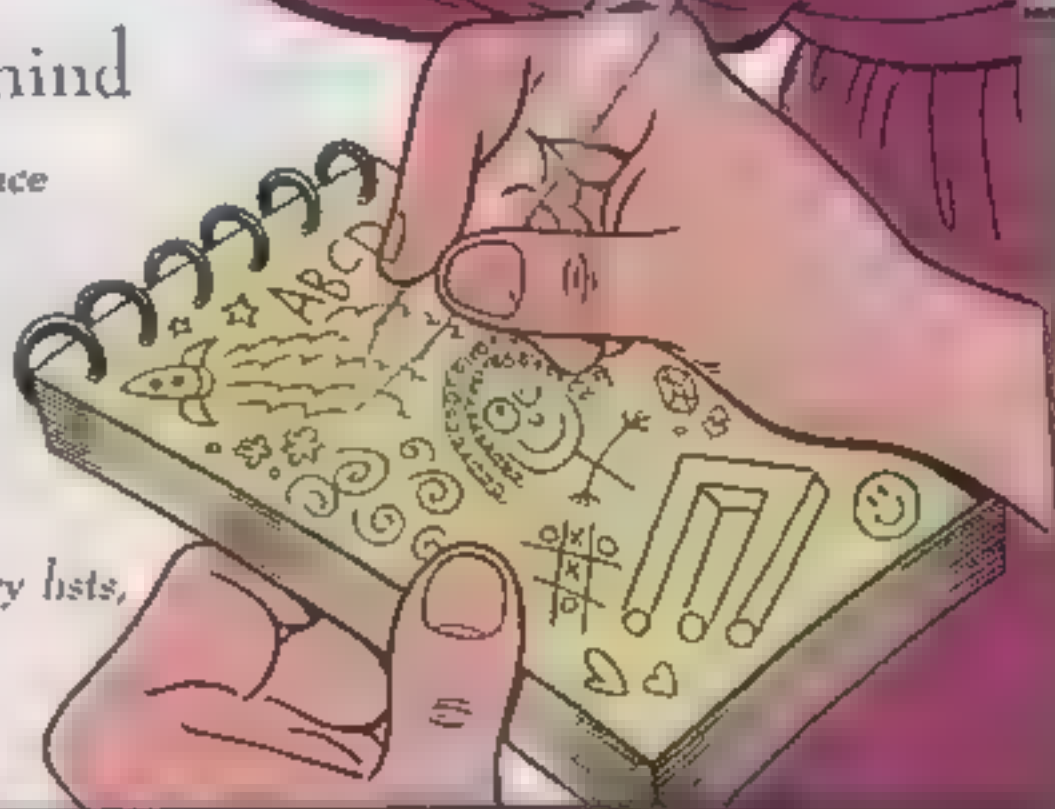
In Remembrance of Your Good Looks

May God's perpetual light shine
indirectly upon you forever.

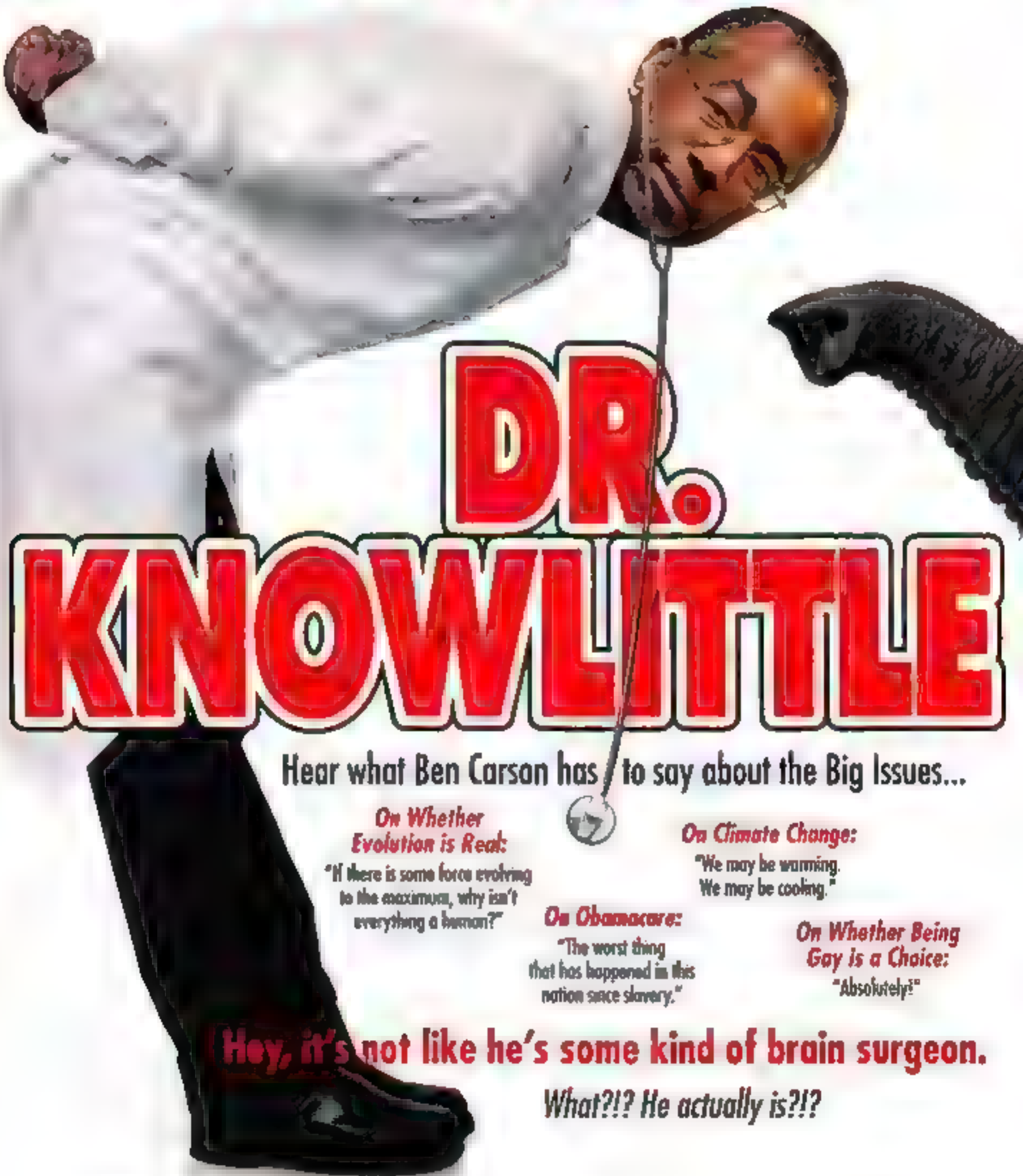


May You Find Peace In the Memories Your Pen Left Behind

*It's never easy when we misplace
the one that means so much.
May the name
of your writing implement
remain forever in your heart,
and may you be comforted
by the memory of the grocery lists,
Sudokus and doodles
that you created with it.*



BEN CARSON



DR.

KNOWLITTLE

Hear what Ben Carson has to say about the Big Issues...

***On Whether
Evolution is Real:***

*"If there is some force evolving
to the maximum, why isn't
everything a human?"*

On Climate Change:

*"We may be warming.
We may be cooling."*

On Obamacare:

*"The worst thing
that has happened in this
nation since slavery."*

***On Whether Being
Gay is a Choice:***

"Absolutely!"

Hey, it's not like he's some kind of brain surgeon.

What?!? He actually is?!?

Who doesn't love going to a renaissance faire? There are jesters! And knights! And old timey talk! They've got it all! But there's a downside (in addition to the chafing from wearing tights and all that leather). As the saying goes, "Tis a nice place to visit, but thou would not want to liveth there."

Why It SUCKS when Parents Are Into Your Parents

No one will ever swap lunch with you.

Seriously, Kevin - I would totally trade you my PB&J, but I'm pretty sure I'm allergic to goat shank.

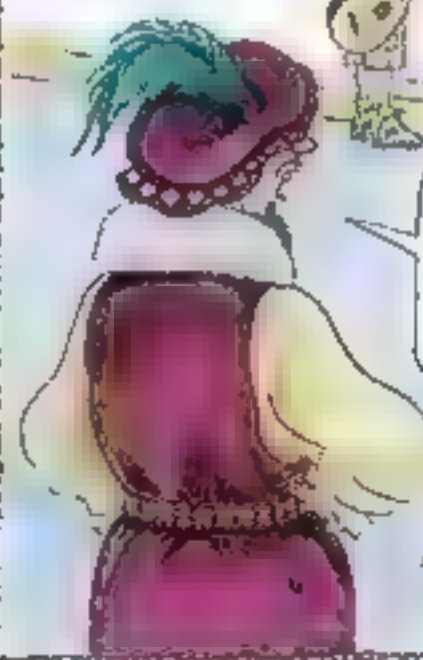


They're making you take lute lessons.

Sorry guys, but I gotta work with um, Sir Wallingworth here, so I can't do normal stuff.



Thou hast learned enough! Come rather to thine "Goin' Banquet for Teens" songbook!



Mom's ever-present cleavage makes you want to sew your eyes shut.



Oh my gosh, that's enough of the video games way. Don't you go outside and practice your fencing?

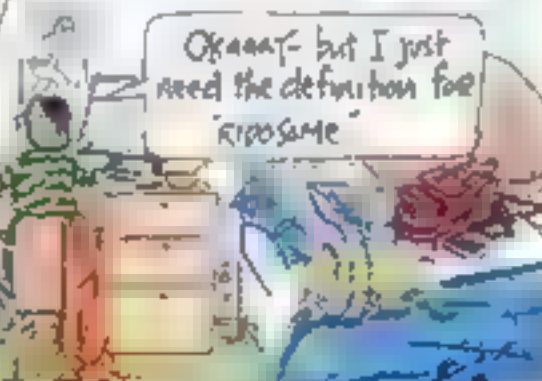


They won't just get you a regular science tutor.



Its funky charm splits the cell, while trusted brokers bust and tell, this formula will come to pass, forever breathing noxious gas.

Okaaaay- but I just need the definition for "kaposame".



RENAISSANCE

FAIRES

You long for the days when they would just ground you.

Hey Kevin - You stay out too late again?

Nope, talked back to my Ma.



Your basketball hoop is now a maypole.



It's farkin' AUGUST guys! Give it a break!

Your dad raises hell at school because there's no jousting program.

And, pray thee tell, where then, shall this fine here master the ways of the steed and lance?



Dad, I really just want to play football, plus, you're looking the wrong way.

You didn't think it was possible to hate family game night more than you already did.



They say that a fool and his money are soon parted. (Speaking of which, thanks for buying this issue!) But when a fool like you is spending money, how much should you tip? Let's face it: if you knew, you wouldn't be a fool. Luckily, you have MAD to guide you (at no extra cost).

MAD's TIPS for TIPPING

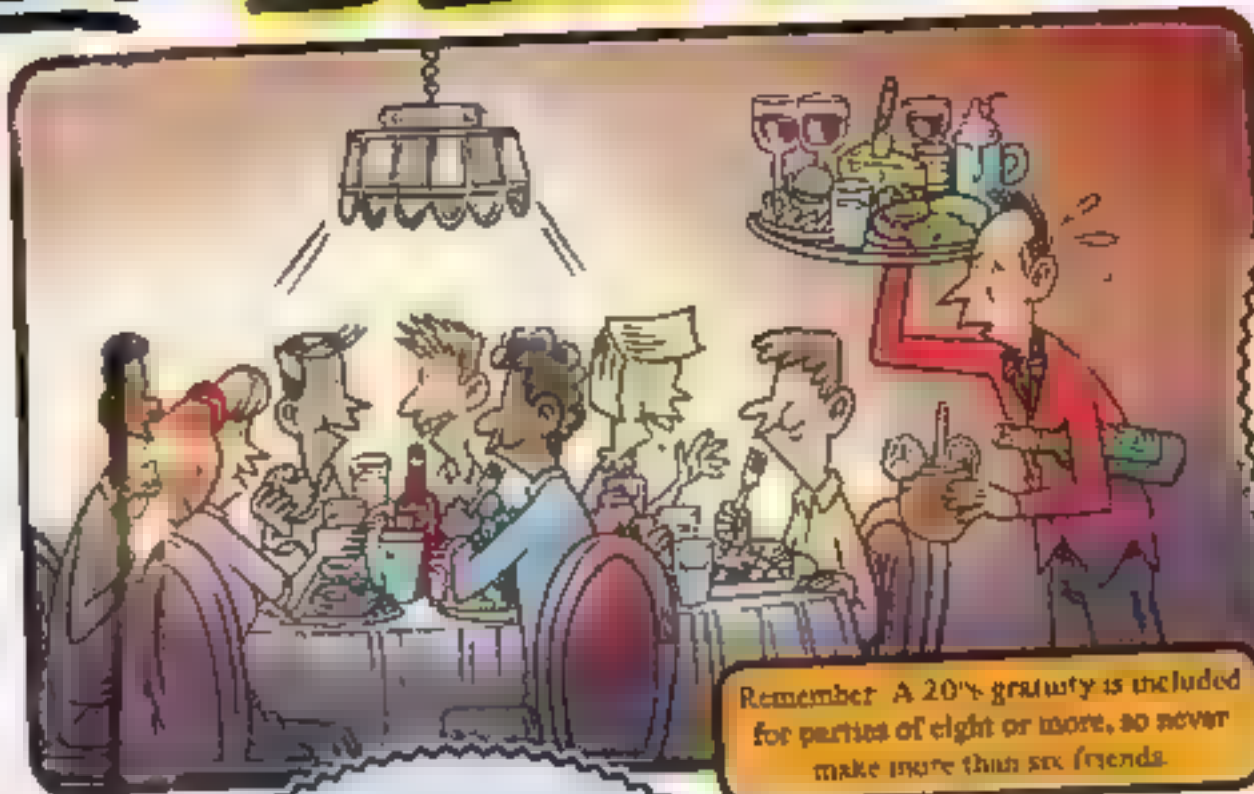
WRITER: KENNY KEIL
ARTIST: JOHN KERSCHBAUM



You can get the restaurant hostess to seat you faster by saying you have a "reservation for Mr. Franklin" while coyly sliding her a copy of *Poor Richard's Almanac*.



When renting a movie for the night, don't forget to slip in a little something extra to the guy working inside the Redbox.



Remember: A 20% gratuity is included for parties of eight or more, so never make more than six friends.



Contrary to popular belief, flashing a \$50 bill at the McDonald's cashier while muttering "Maybe this will help you remember" will get you no closer to finding out when the McRib is coming back.



If you don't have enough to tip the bellhop for carrying up all your bags, avoid any awkwardness by subtly creeping towards the window and hiding behind the curtain for a few minutes. He'll get the message.



Tipping your gardener will earn his gratitude - but beating him in a prune-off will earn his respect.

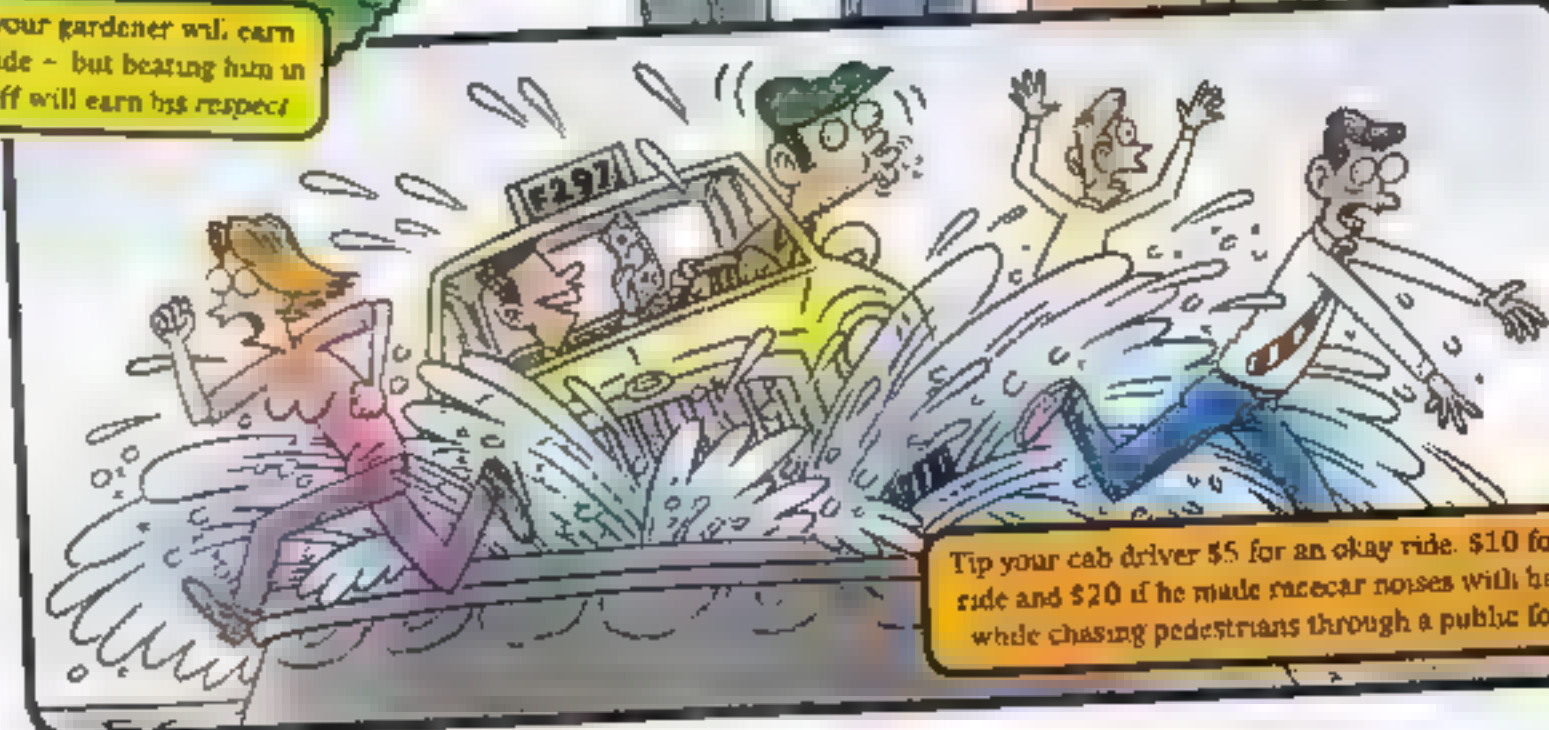


If your movers do a good job, it's customary to give them something deeply personal of yours - like that box of old bowling trophies or the urn containing your Aunt Gert's ashes.

When getting some new ink, it's always a nice gesture to tip your tattoo artist. When you have to go back a month later to have that tattoo covered up with a tiger because the guy misspelled "No Regrets," no tip is necessary.



Always tip your flight attendant to help insure that your seat is located underneath one of the "good" oxygen masks.



Tip your cab driver \$5 for an okay ride. \$10 for a good ride and \$20 if he made racecar noises with his mouth while chasing pedestrians through a public fountain.



MAD's TOM BUNK VISITS THE EIFFEL TOWER

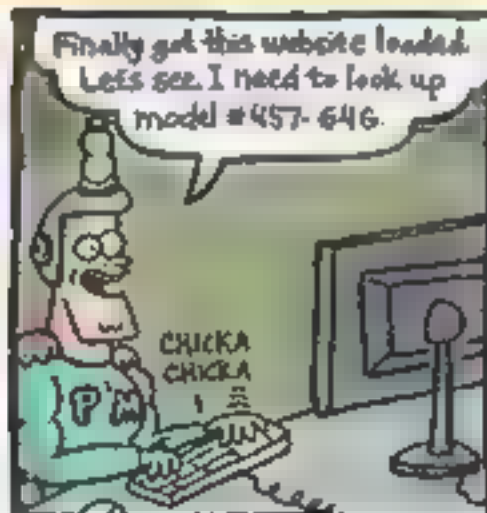
BERNIE SANDERS
CAN'T ADD
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AMERICANS
TO THE WELFARE STATE
WITHOUT PISSING OFF
THE RICH ONES

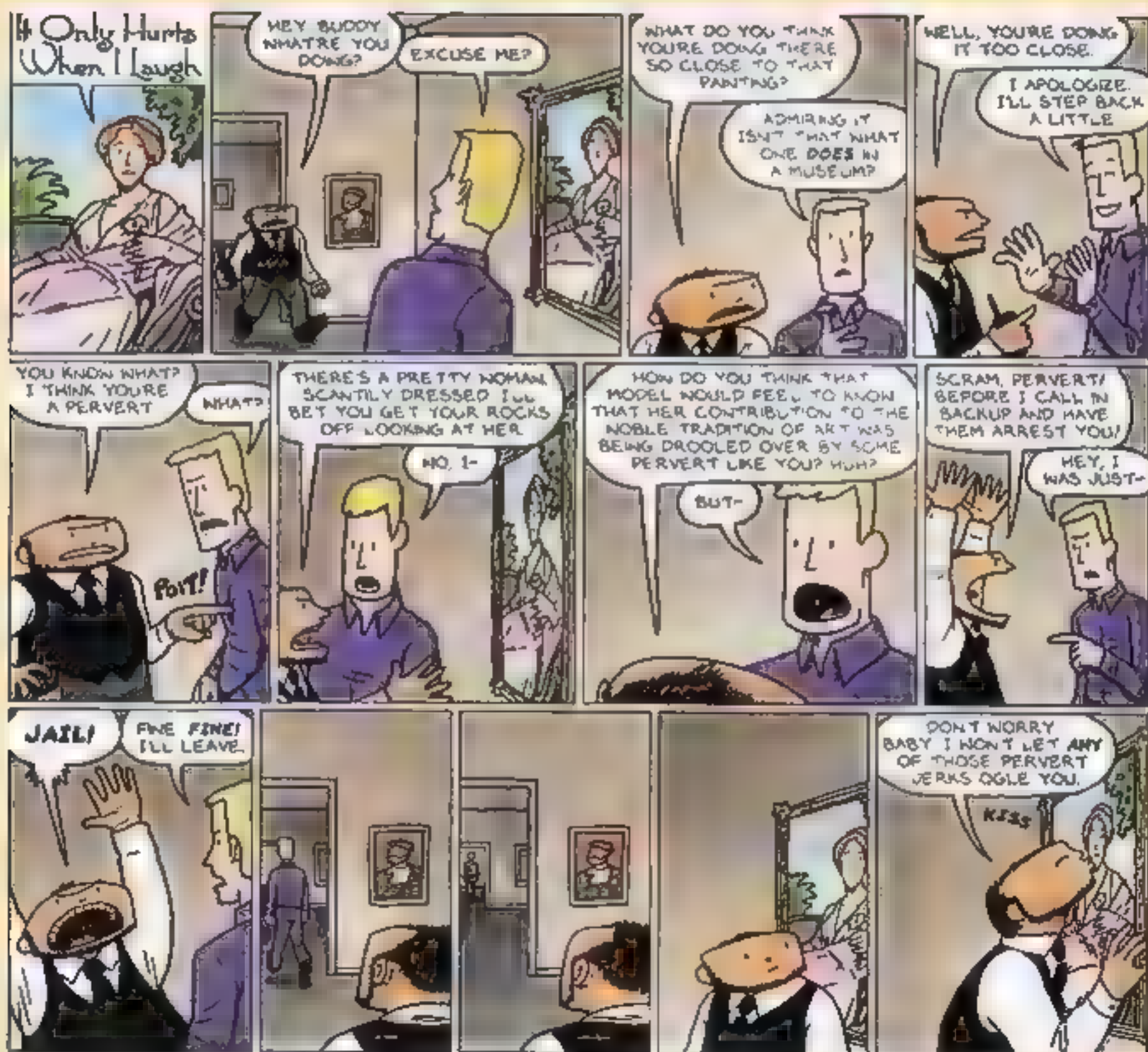
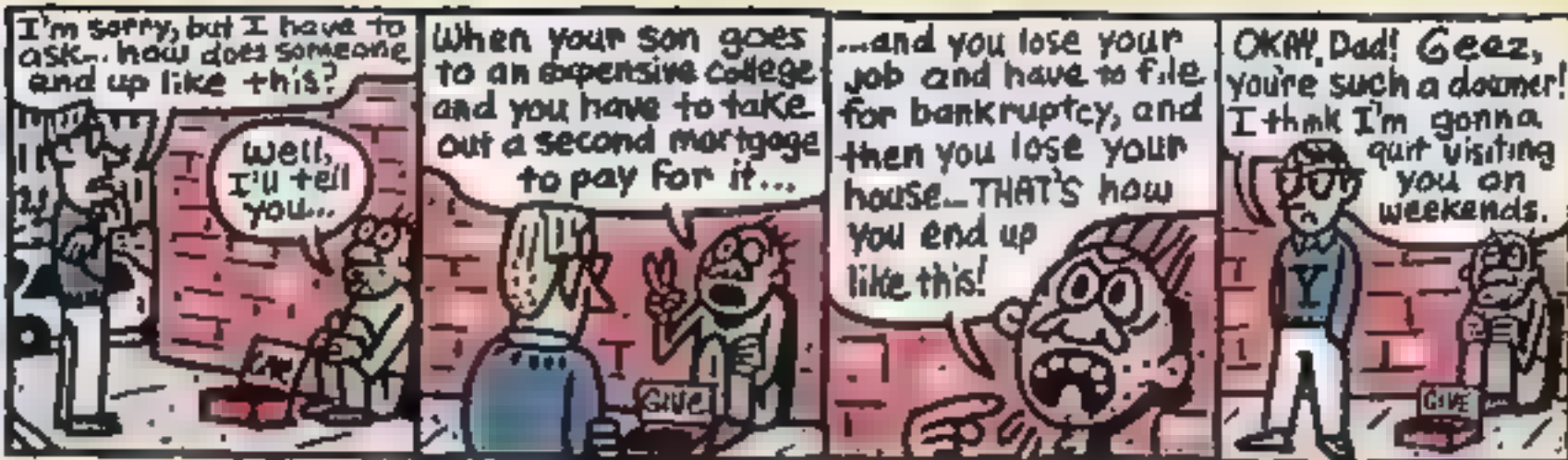
THE STRIP CLUB

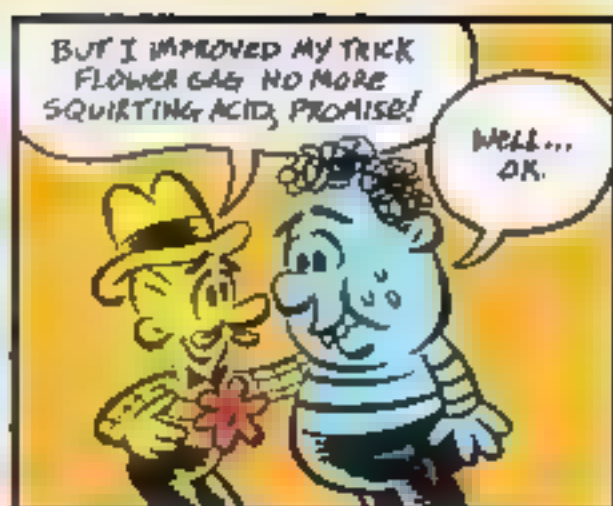
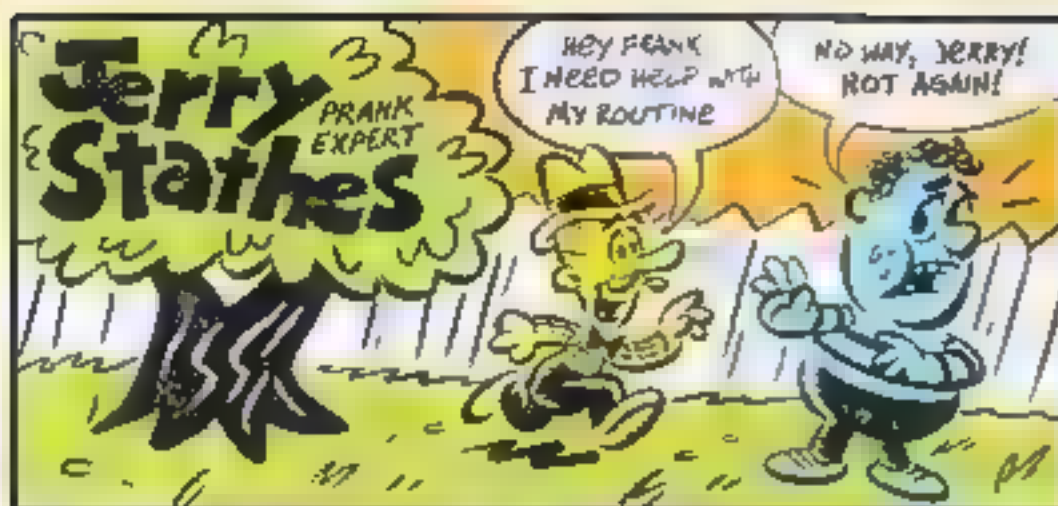
HATS OFF



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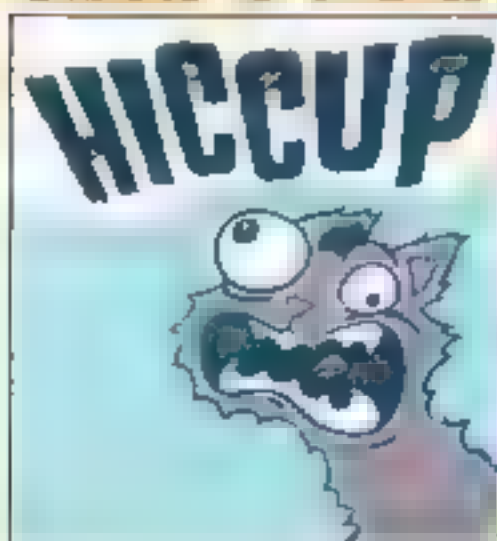






CHARLES BRUBAKER AND PAT JORDAN

WHAT IF DOG WAS ONE OF US?



KENNY KEIL



The Tough Guys



R. P. M.

THOMAS POWELL

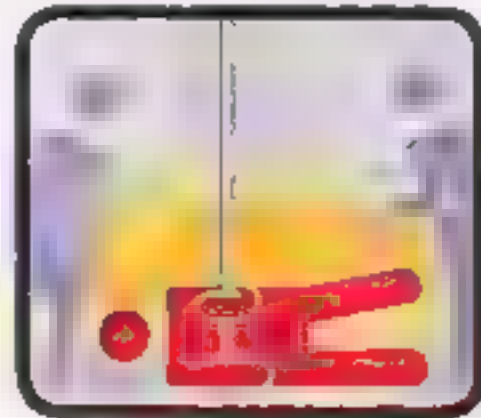
On Public Transportation, Courtesy Counts!

Be someone who does the bare minimum to make life slightly less hellish for the other poor schmucks taking public transit.



Keep the Sound Down

Make sure your phone conversations are only a tad louder than the over-amplified announcements, screeching train/bus brakes, and raucous passenger arguments.



Don't Be a Pole Hog

Leave room for others to hold on. Lie on the floor and hold the pole at the very bottom. It's the part no one uses and free up the rest of the pole for others.



Buses, Trains & Subways Are Transportation, Not Dining Cars

That's why you should always bring your own napkins, silverware, condiments and a small folding table.



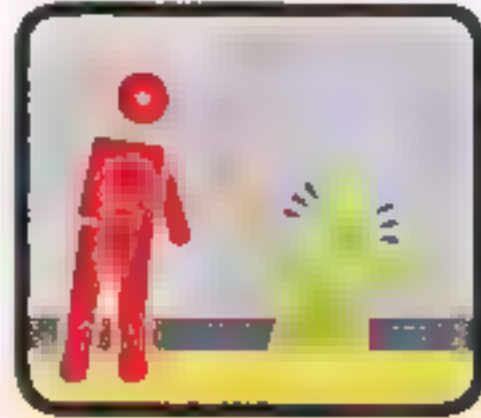
Dude! Don't Man Spread

If you must have your legs open, sit on your head. This way your legs can be spread open without taking up valuable sitting room.



Clipping

Everyone wants to look their best. But never clip your nails on public transit! Clipping someone else's nails, however, is courteous and thoughtful.



Step Aside to Let Others Off First

It's a nice thing to do, and if there's a wide gap between the car and the platform, they'll fall through, not you.



Offer Your Seat to a Disabled Person

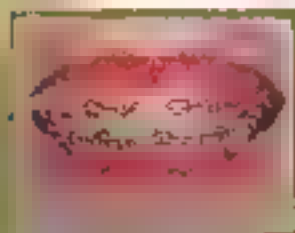
Just be sure they really are ~~disabled~~ to their cane will separate the truly disabled from the ~~disabled~~.



Transportation Vehicles Are Not Toilets. Use the Public Restrooms in the Stations

If the public restrooms are out of order, be quick and discreet.

PLANET TAD!!!!



NAME: TAD AGE: FOURTEEN SUPERPOWER: CAN EAT ENTIRE BOX OF TRISCUITS IN ONE SITTING

AUGUST 2, 2015

Feel like maybe they should stop calling them "Mission Impossible" movies. They should call them "Mission: Really Difficult But Ultimately Doable" But I guess that won't fit on the posters.



AUGUST 4, 2015

So, tonight at dinner, my little sister Sophie was talking about her upcoming eighth birthday party again. Sophie always gets totally impossible about planning her birthdays; last year, she was furious because the tablecloth at her party was the wrong shade of pink, and it looks like, instead of Barbie, my party's theme is "A Salute to Pepto-Bismol."

First, she asked my mom if she'd made a reservation for her party at Pizza Land, and my mom just sighed and said, "Yes, Sophie. I made it six weeks ago, when you first asked me." And Sophie said, "Good. Because if you don't book early, then you don't get a special table near the monkey band, and the Pizza Badger won't come to your table and sing." And my dad said, "Yes. You told us this already." And then he muttered something I didn't quite hear, but it sounded an awful lot like, "Eight-year-old Bridezilla."

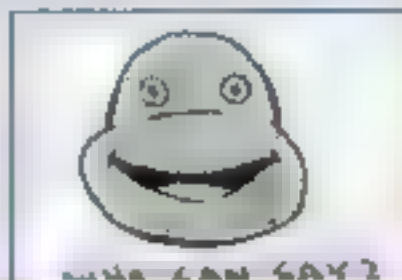
AUGUST 5, 2015

Ugh. Tonight, Sophie threw a fit when she found out that my mom had invited her friends Megan and Meagan to her party. My mom said, "I thought you said to invite both of them!" And my sister said, "I meant Megan and Meaghan. Not Meagan! I'm fighting with Meagan! Disinvite her!" And my mom said, "You can't disinvite someone from a party." And Sophie said, "You can try!"

Just then, the phone rang — it was Meagan's mom, calling to say Meagan wouldn't be able to make it to the party, because she already had plans for that day. Which you'd think would've made Sophie happy, but instead she started crying and said, "I can't believe Meagan is skipping my party," and my mom had to spend half an hour comforting her. My dad just rolled his eyes and said, "Ten

AUGUST 5, 2015

Why do the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles bother wearing masks? It's not like they do much good in concealing their identities. No one's ever going to say, "I think that giant mutant turtle might be a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turde, but I don't know what 1/16 of his face looks like, so I can't be sure."



AUGUST 6, 2015

As Sophie's birthday is getting closer, she's been talking more and more about how she wants a pony for her birthday, going on and on about how she'll name him "Mister Buttercup", and how much fun it'll be to ride him around.

After dinner, I said to her, "Sophie: Mom and Dad can't afford to get you a horse." And she said, "Duh. I know that. But because they'll feel so guilty about that, they're going to get me a much nicer present than they would have otherwise. I'm aiming for either a bike or an iPod Touch."

Sophie is awful. And she has much to teach me.

AUGUST 13, 2015

So, I went with my parents today to buy Sophie's birthday present (a bike) (of course), and when we drove past Pizza Land, my mom slowed down the car and said, "Oh no. Oh no oh no oh no." And I looked over and saw the sign: "Closed by Order of the Department of Health." Which really isn't all that surprising. I mean, their logo is a badger holding a pizza, without wearing gloves or a hairnet or anything.



AUGUST 14, 2015

A rough day for my mom. She tried all the other places where kids have birthday parties, but all of them were booked solid for Saturday, even Pizzatown USA, the crappy knockoff of Pizza Land whose logo is only the Pizza Otter.

Anyway, my mom finally decided to just have the party at our house, and book an entertainer. Most of them were booked solid for Saturday, too, but she found a guy named Presto the Magnificent who's a magician, and she told my sister, "He'll just have to do."



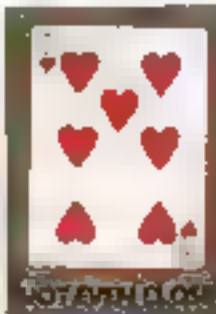
AUGUST 15, 2015

So, Sophie's birthday was today, and it got off to a pretty good start — all my sister's friends were there, including every Megan who was supposed to be, and none of the ones who weren't. There wasn't really a problem until around 1:00, when Presto the Magician still hadn't shown up. My mom tried calling him a bunch of times, but he didn't answer — and then, at 1:25, he pulled up, opened the door of his car and vomited all over our driveway. Then he pulled an endless string of scarves out of his pocket, wiped his mouth on them, and said, "Sorry Mrs. Presto left me last night for a comorbionist. But I'm ready to go. Where's the party?" And my dad came over to him and said very quietly, "There's only one magic trick I want to see: You need to disappear before my kid sees you."

And Presto drove away, and my mom said, "Well, great. We promised them a magician. Now what?" That's when I realized: I used to have a magic kit, and I was pretty good at it when I was younger. So I grabbed it, took my mom's black shirt, drew on a mustache with my mom's eyeliner, and came out into the yard as Tad-a the Magnificent. And it went OK at first — I did the trick where you link two metal rings together, and everyone seemed to like it. But then I started doing card tricks, and I realized that I'd kind of forgotten how to do them. So I spent a while with my sister's friend Lucy, going, "Is this your card?" And she kept saying, "No." And each time she said "No," all my sister's friends laughed — and the laughs got louder and louder.

Then I tried to do the trick where you make a ball "disappear" under a cup, but it rolled out from my hand and everyone was, like, screaming laughing. It got worse and worse and worse from there, until my sister and all her friends were pointing and shouting about how terrible I was, until I finally packed everything up and left — only my endless scarf got snagged on the table and I had to come back and get it.

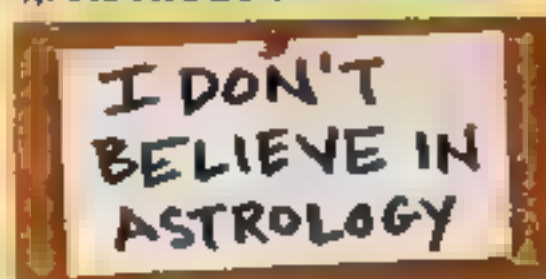
Afterward, I told my mom, "Sorry." And she said, "What are you talking about? They had a great time! That was brilliant — what gave you the idea to do a parody of a magic show?" And before I could answer, one of Sophie's friend's moms came over and said, "My daughter wants you to perform at her birthday next month — how much do you charge?" I think I might have a new job if I want it — I just need to get better at being worse at magic.



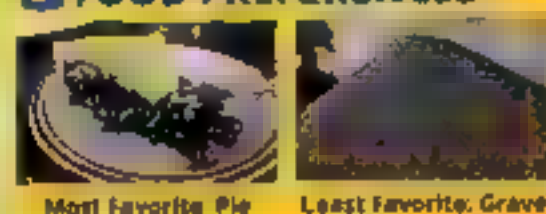
LATEST TWEETS

- PLANET TAD @PlanetTad 3m
Why are left-handed people called "southpaws"? That's only accurate if they spend 100% of their time facing west.
- PLANET TAD @PlanetTad 11m
"The Walking Dead" is a boring name for an exciting show. Like the scariest thing about zombies isn't their ability to walk. It should be "The Biting Dead".
- PLANET TAD @PlanetTad 1h
I know it would hurt (their ability to play baseball, but I think it'd be cool if all the Pittsburgh Pirates wore pirate hats and eye patches.
- PLANET TAD @PlanetTad 1h
Someone should tell Lucky Charms no one cares what shapes the marshmallows are. They're marshmallows. We're gonna eat them no matter what.
- PLANET TAD @PlanetTad 2h
I'm a little embarrassed by the fact that, until I was 10, I thought Panda Express was called that because there weren't panda meat sandwiches.

* ASTROLOGICAL SIGN:



FOOD PREFERENCES



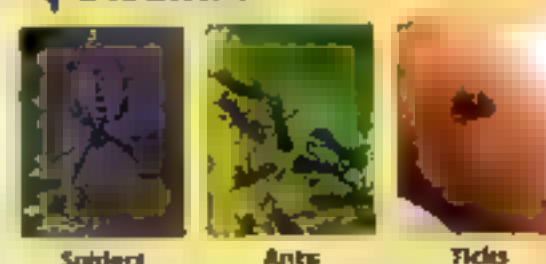
Most Favorite: Pie Least Favorite: Grave

LIKES



Spider-Man Ant-Man The Tick

DISLIKES



Spiders Ants Ticks

PLACES

Tad visited:

- The Wheel World Bike Store
- Home
- Mail



OSCILLATING FANS DEPT.

Whenever we go to a sporting event, and things get dull and boring on the play field... which happens quite often in the New York area, what with the Mets,

Giants, Devils, etc... we amuse ourselves by looking around at all the characters in the stands (not including ourselves) and wondering what these weirdos are like—

AFTER THE GAME IS OVER

ARTIST JACK BY

WRITER LOU SILVERSTONE

MR. MACHO ... AT THE GAME



...AND AFTER THE GAME IS OVER



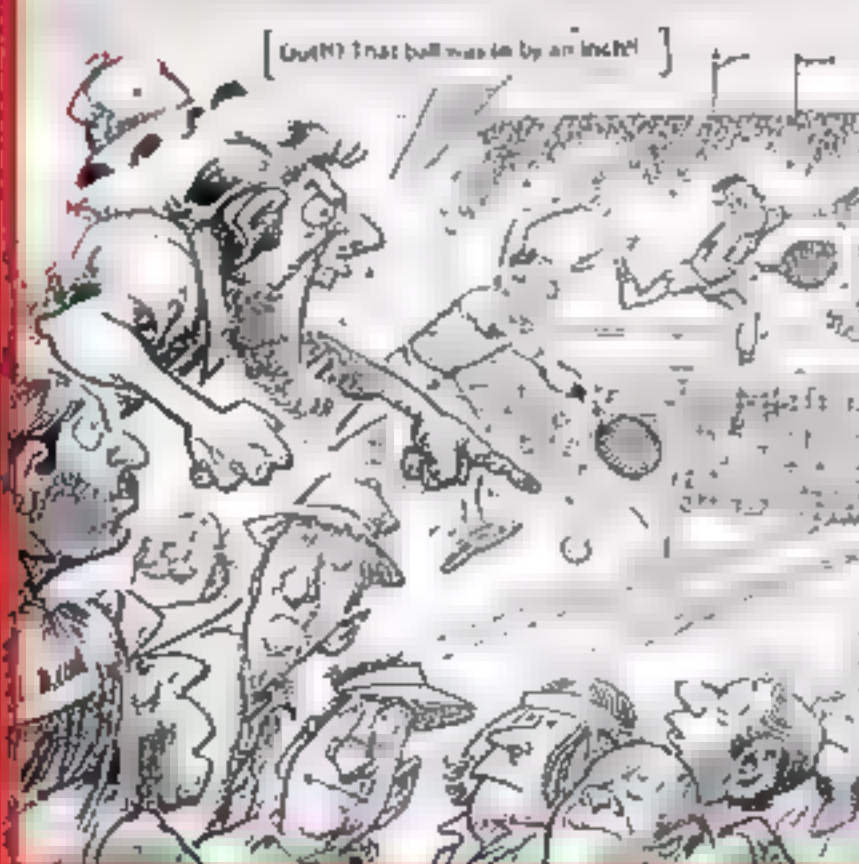
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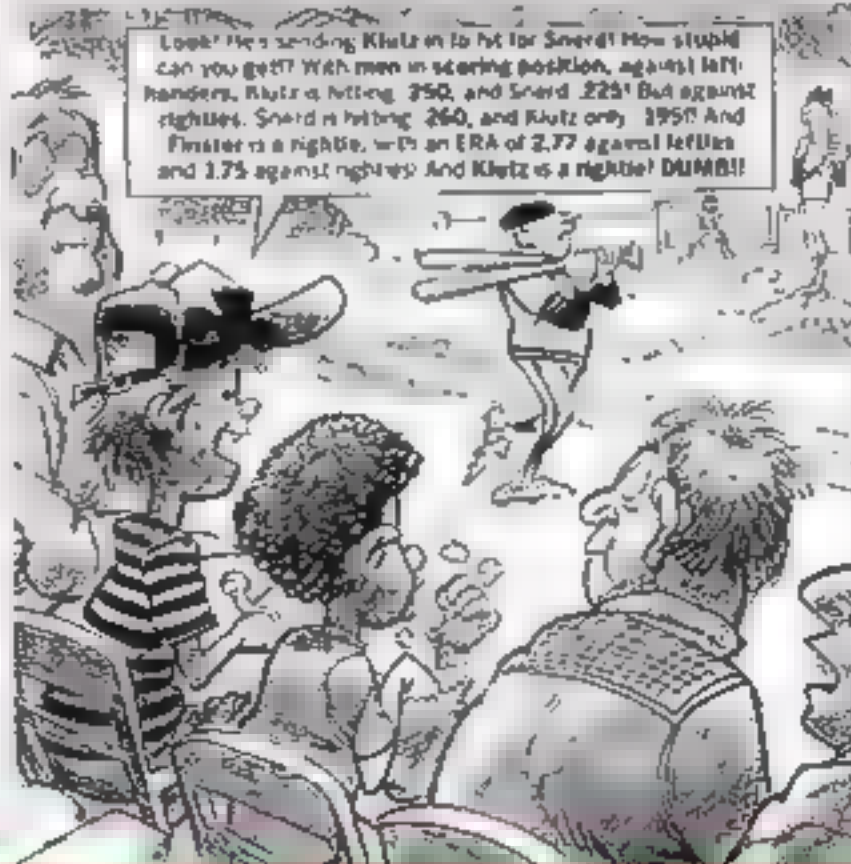
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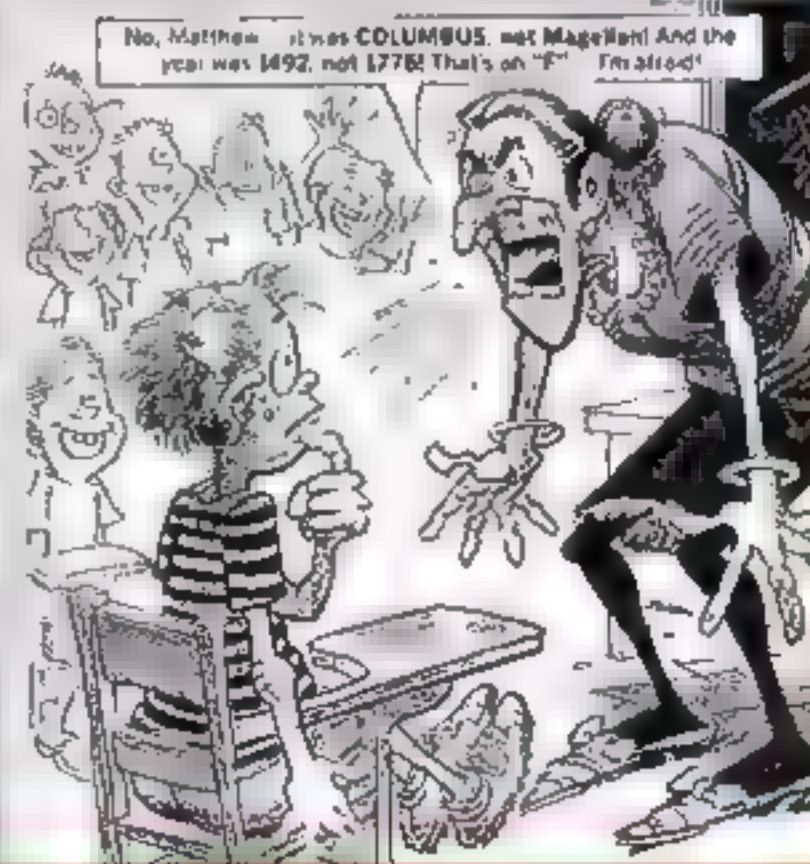
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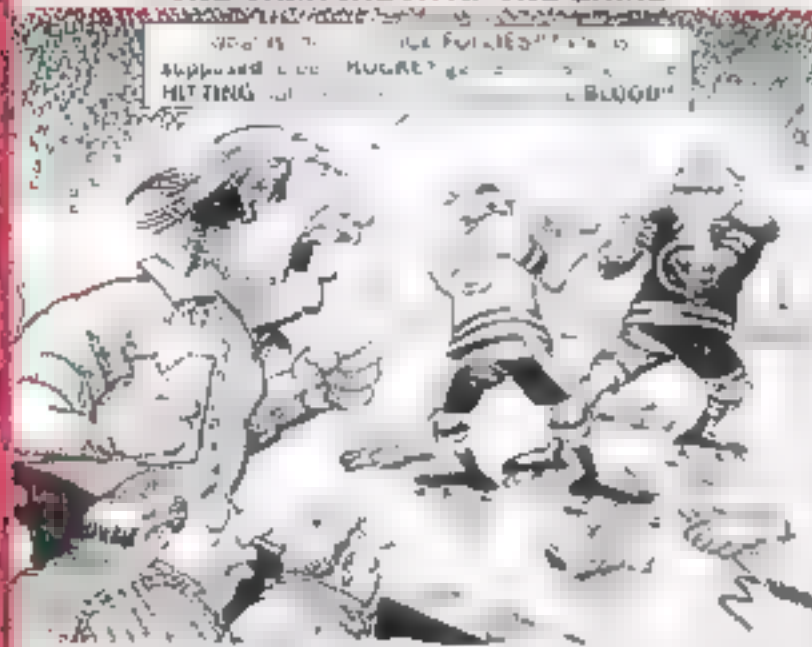
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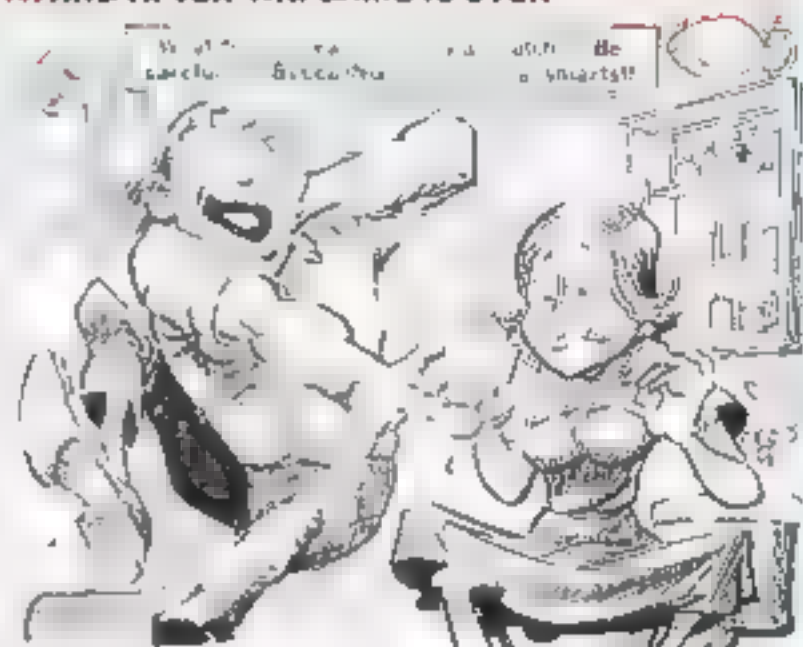
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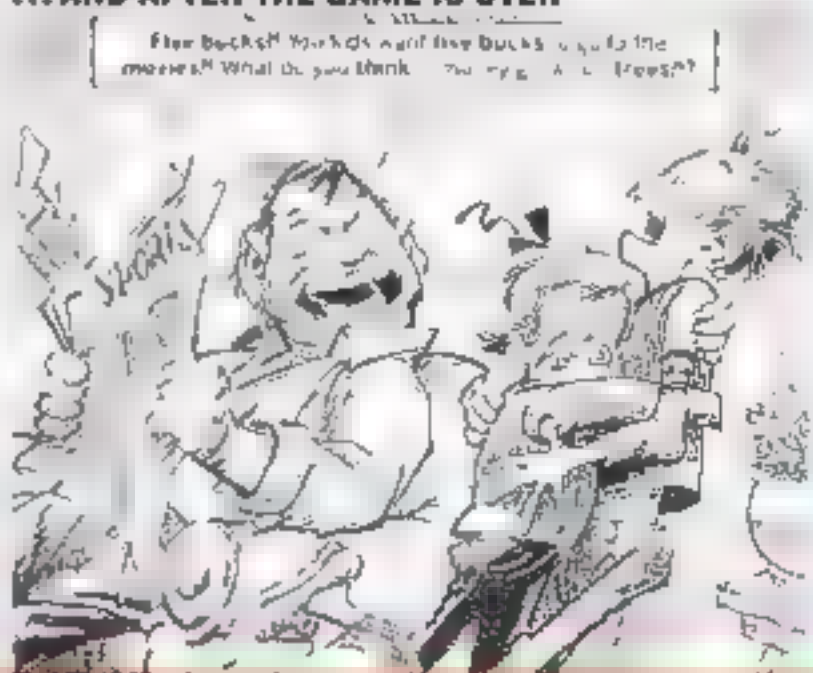
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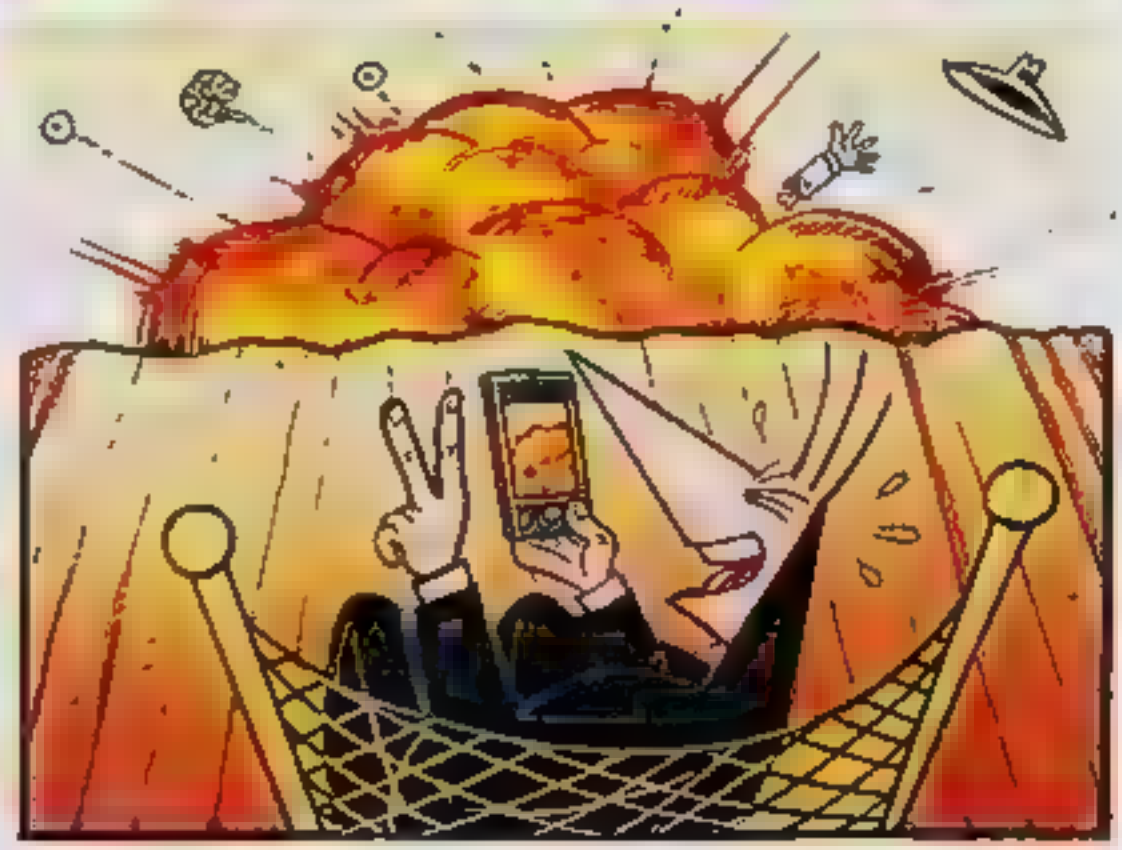
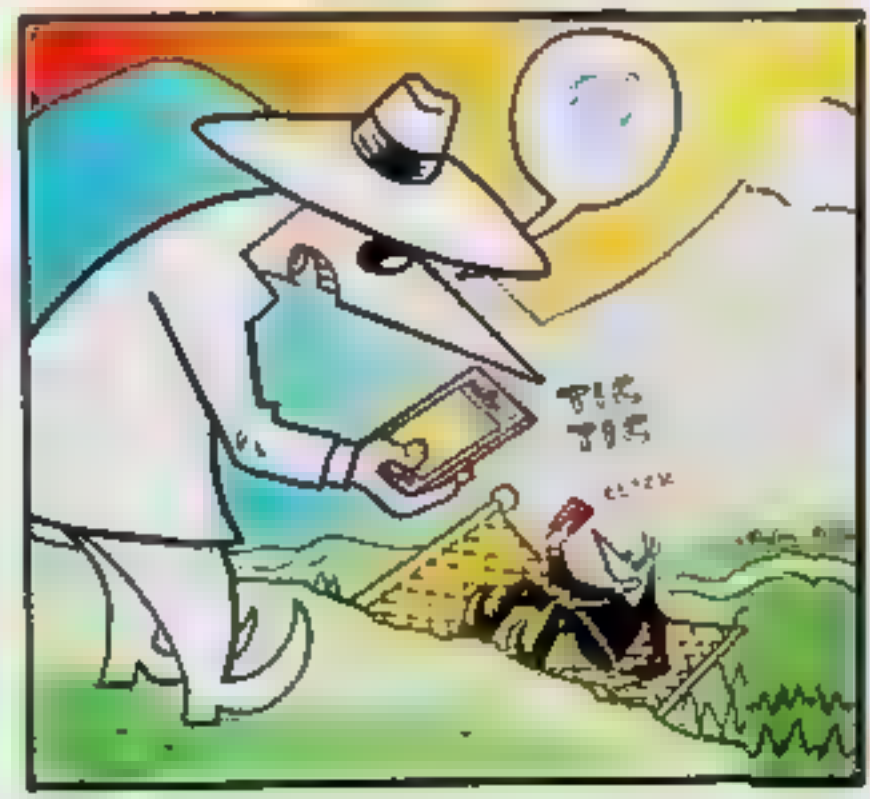
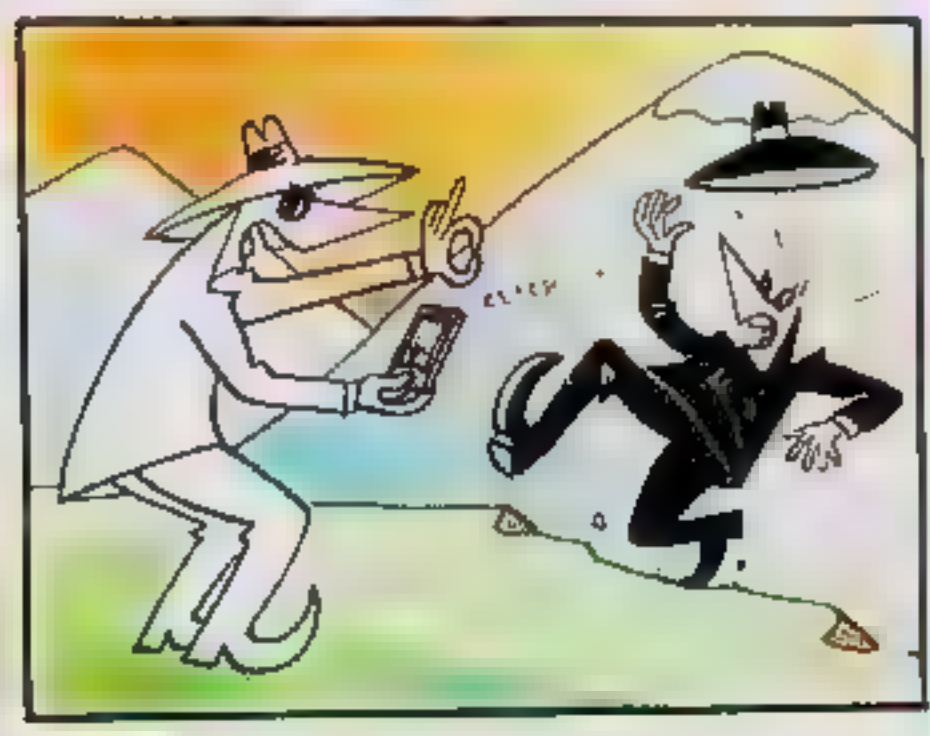
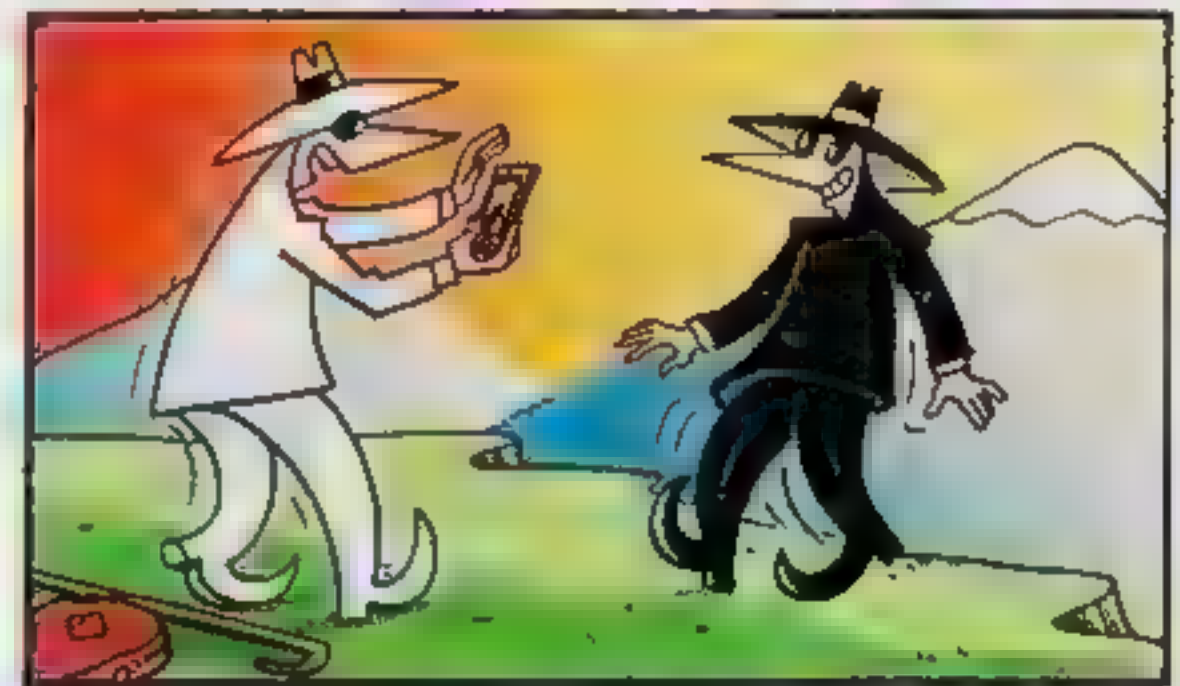
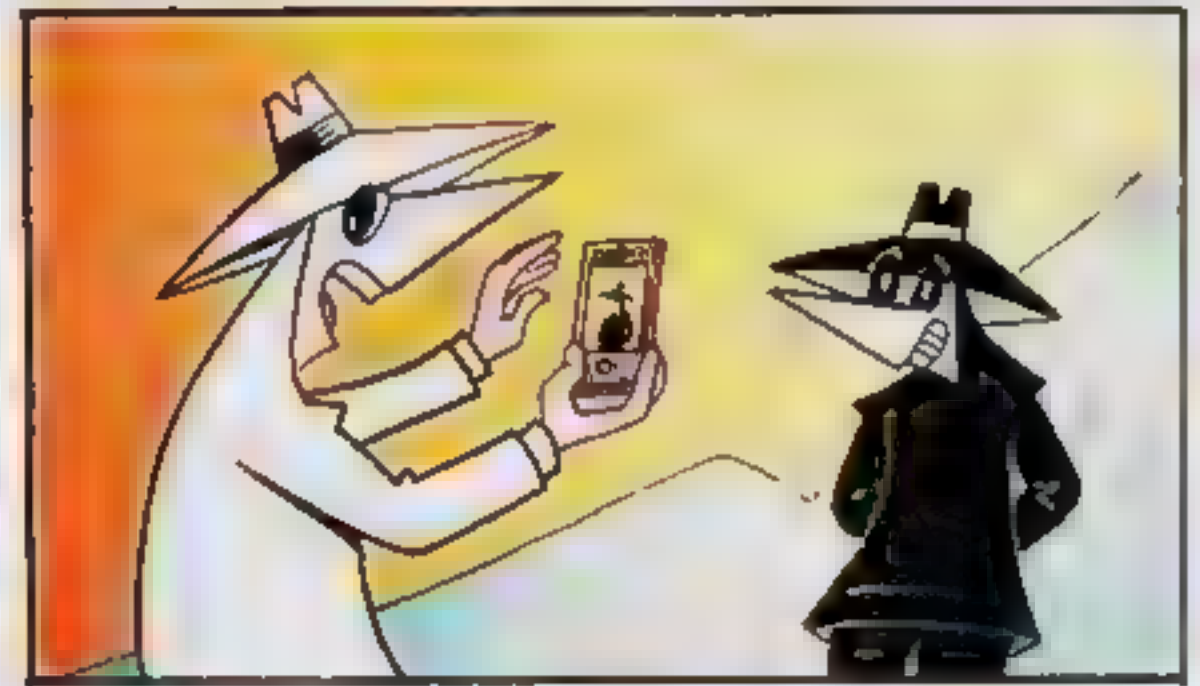
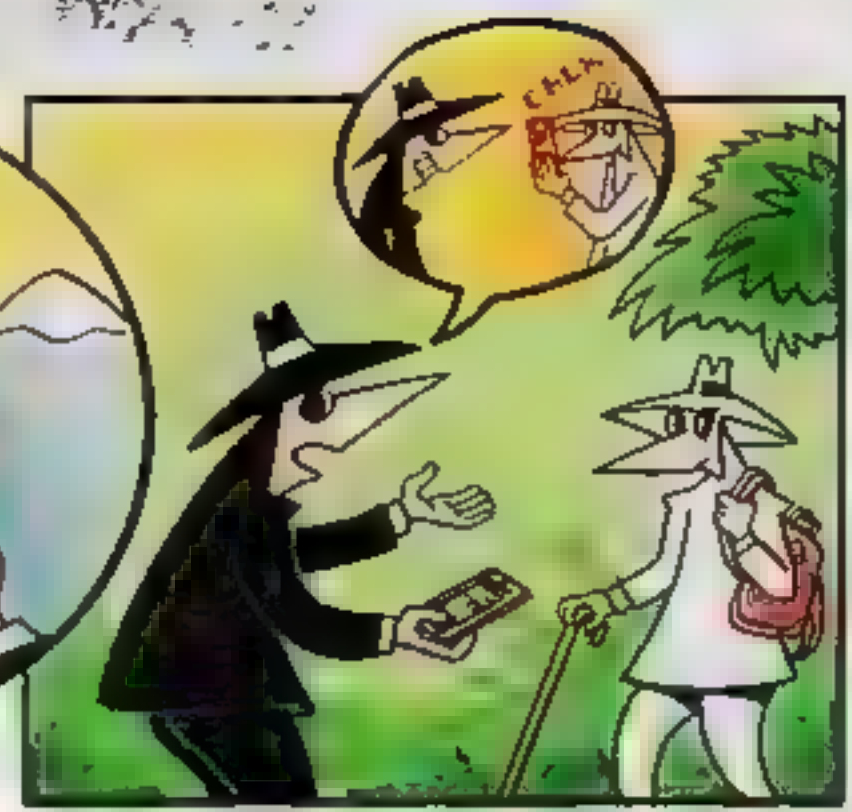
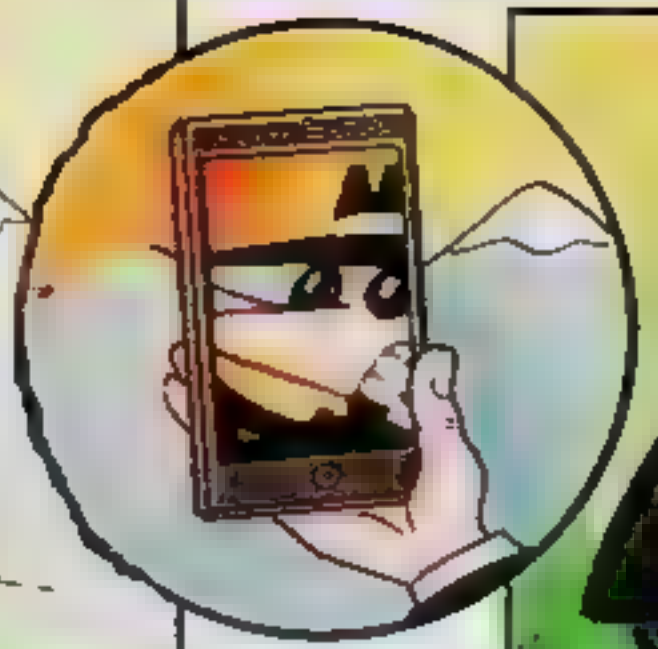
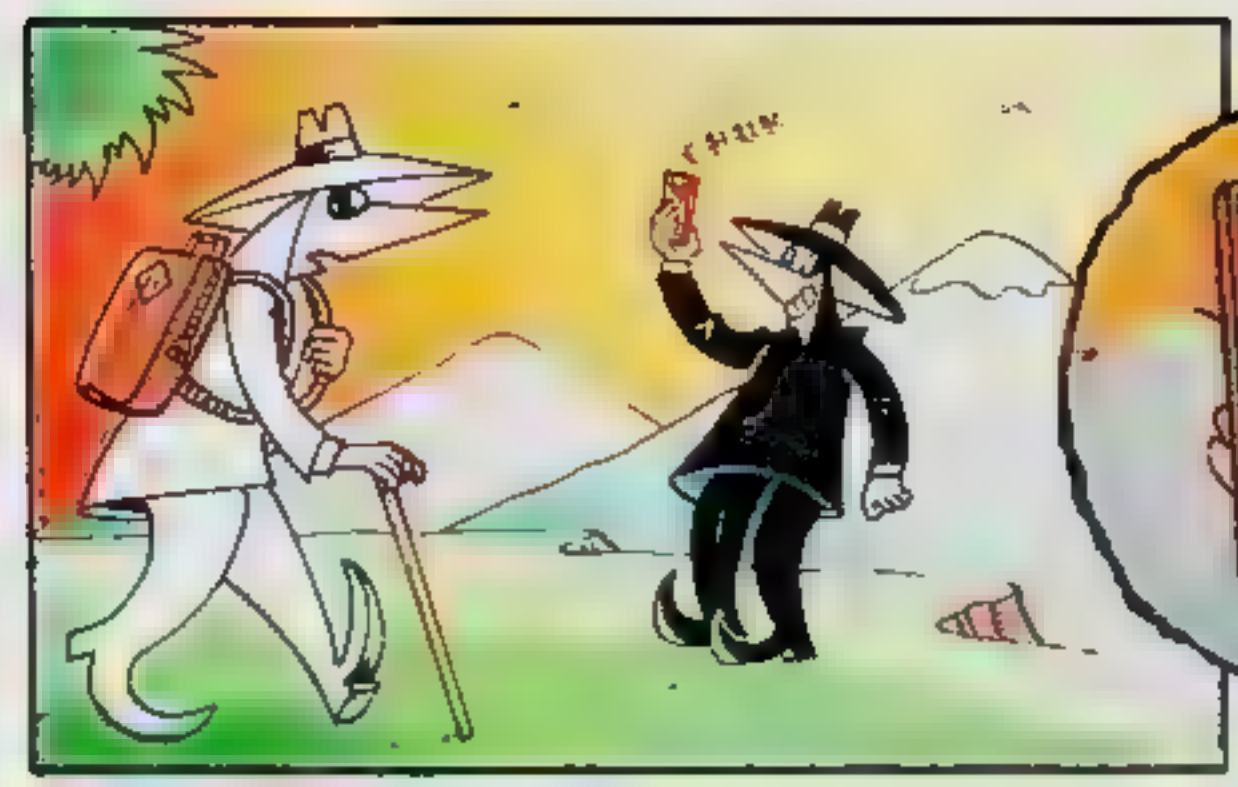
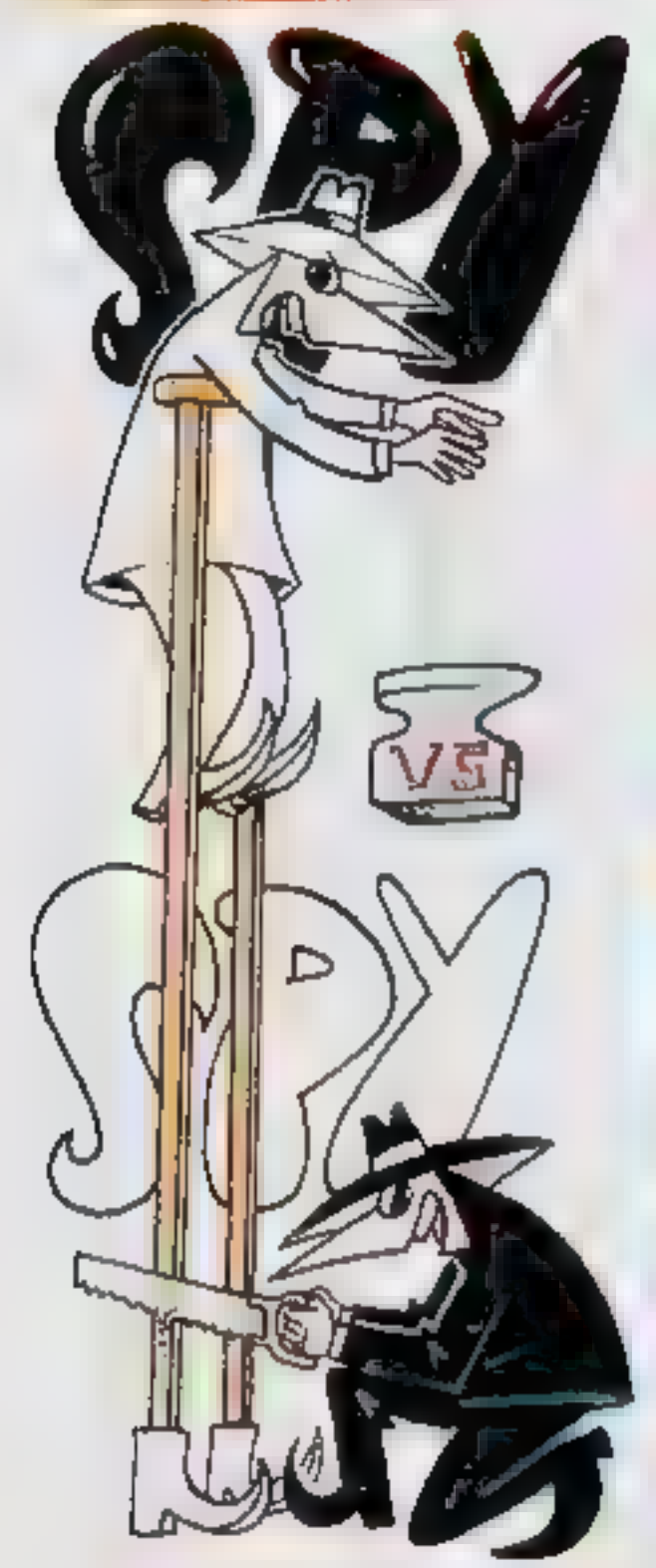


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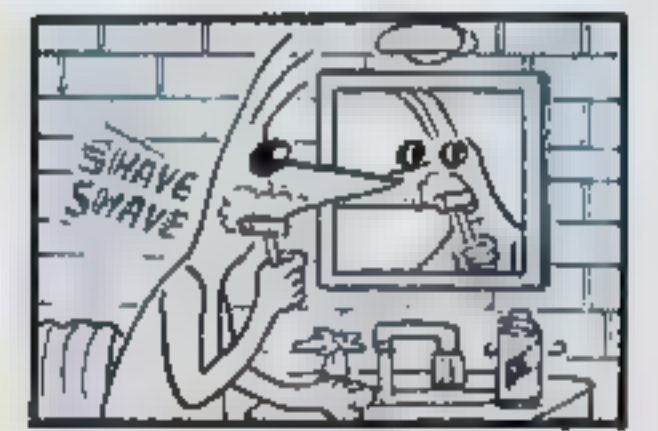
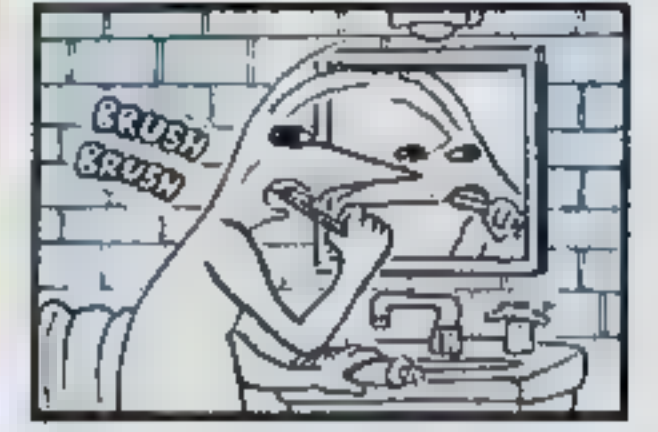


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ELECT JEB, AND WE'LL LIVE CRAPPILY EVER AFTER



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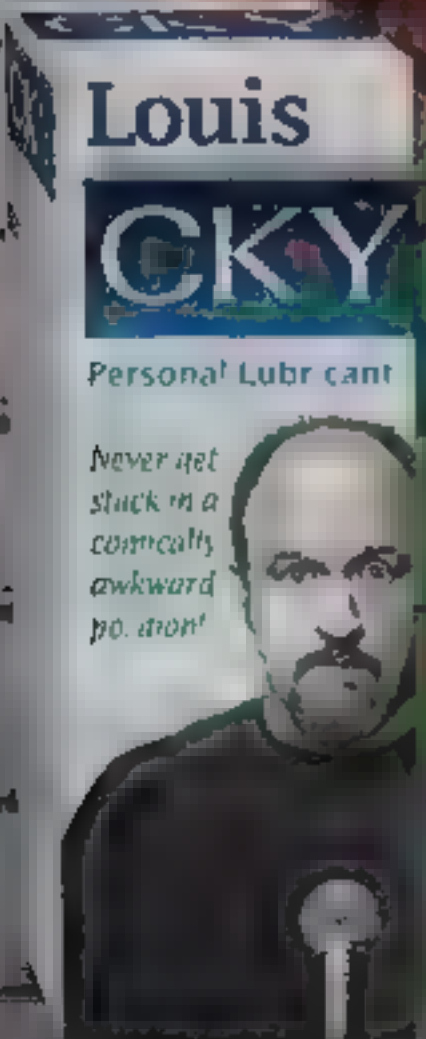
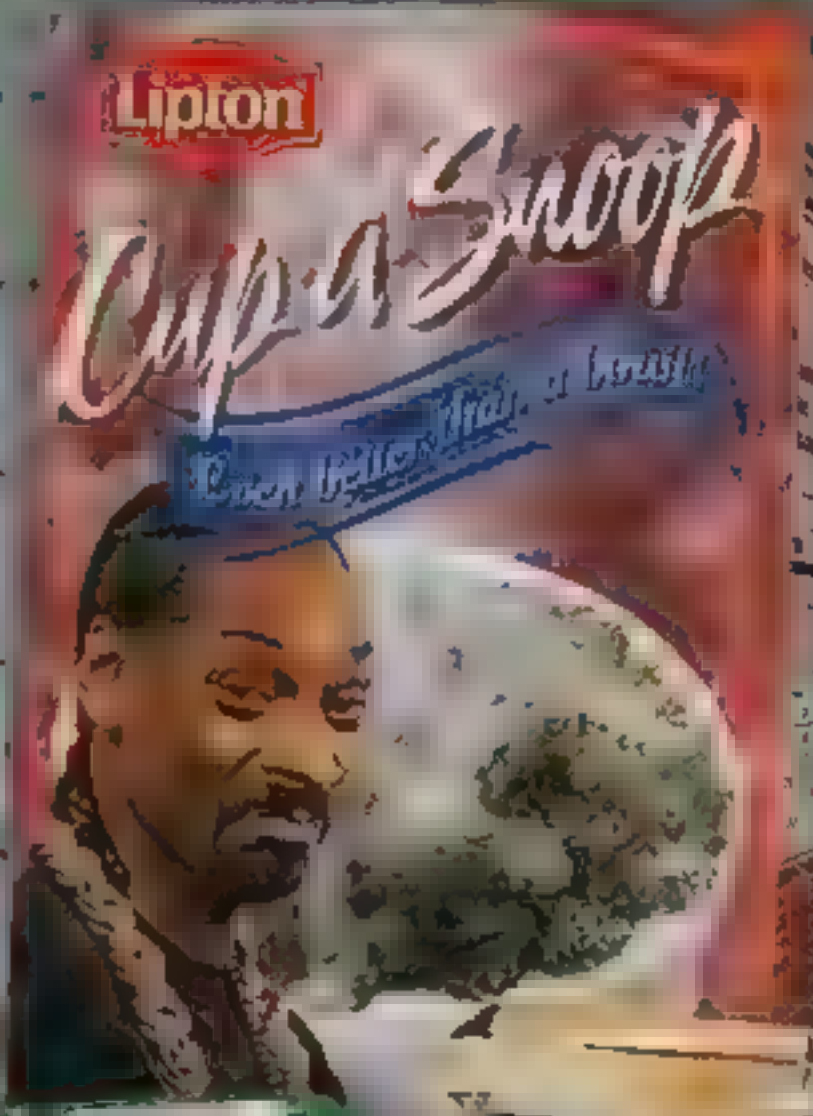
Whether it's Dr. Dre putting his name on headphones or George Foreman putting his name on grills, celebrities love endorsing products (or at least getting their names on them).

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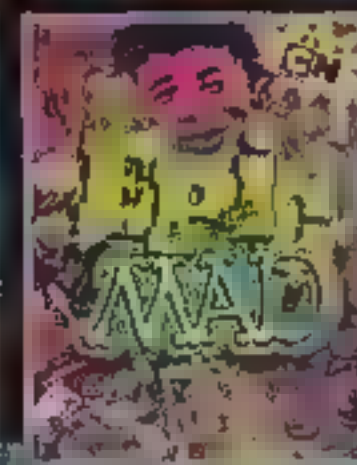
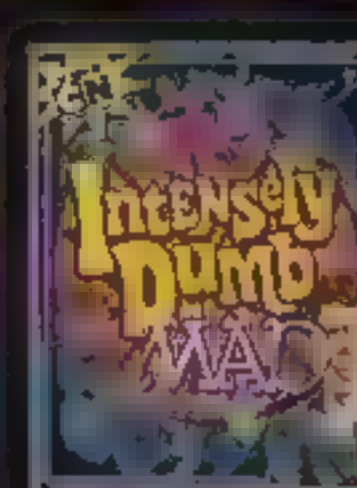
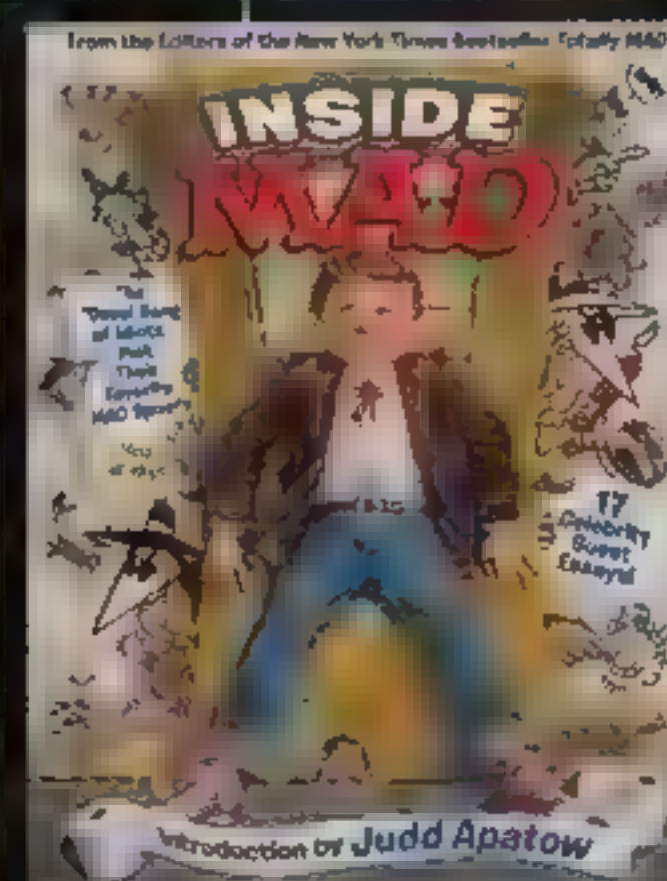
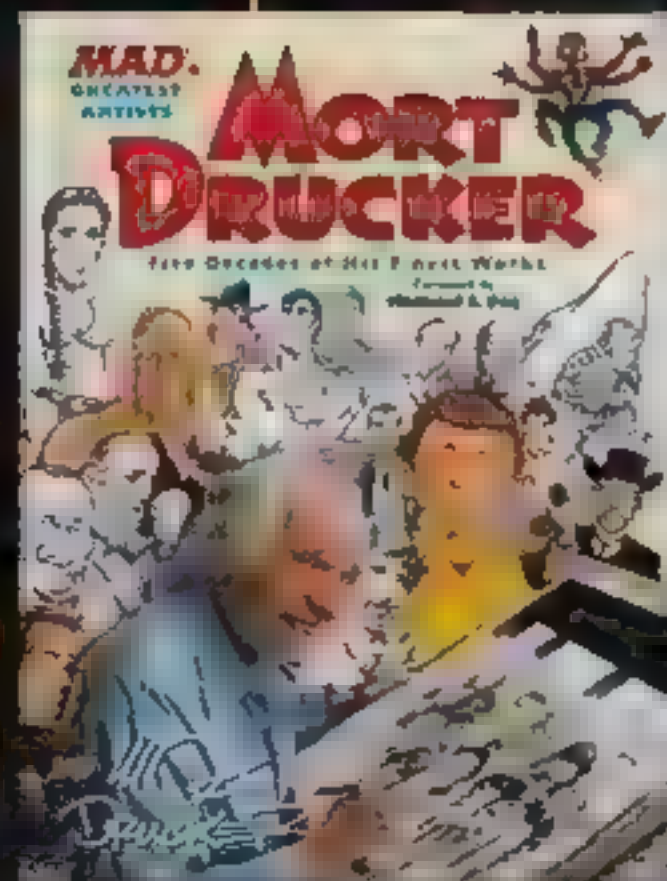
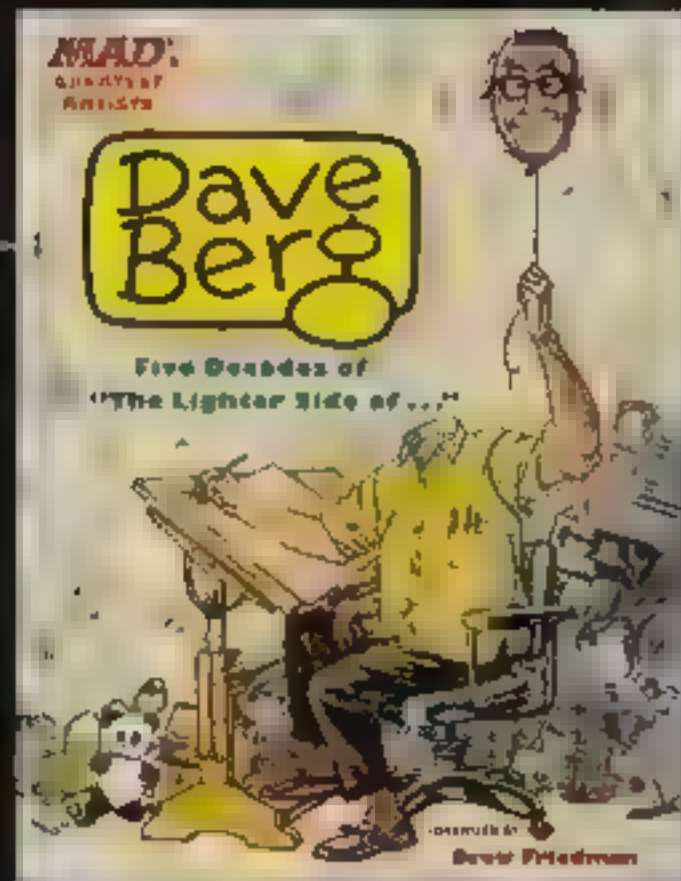


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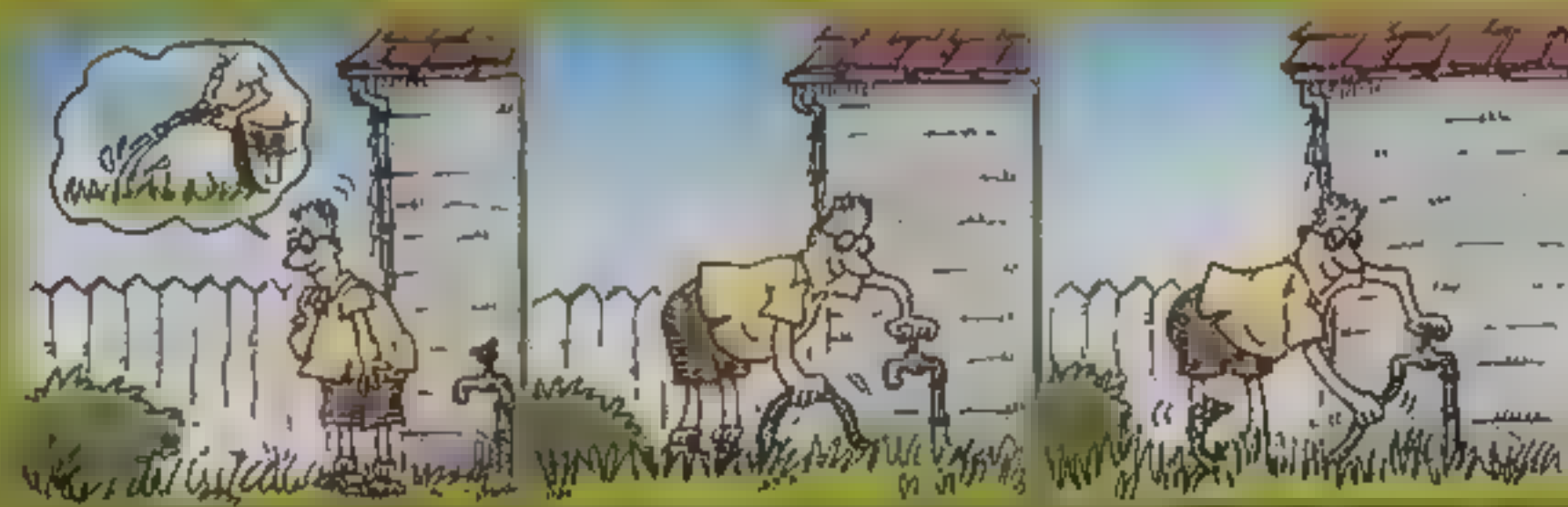


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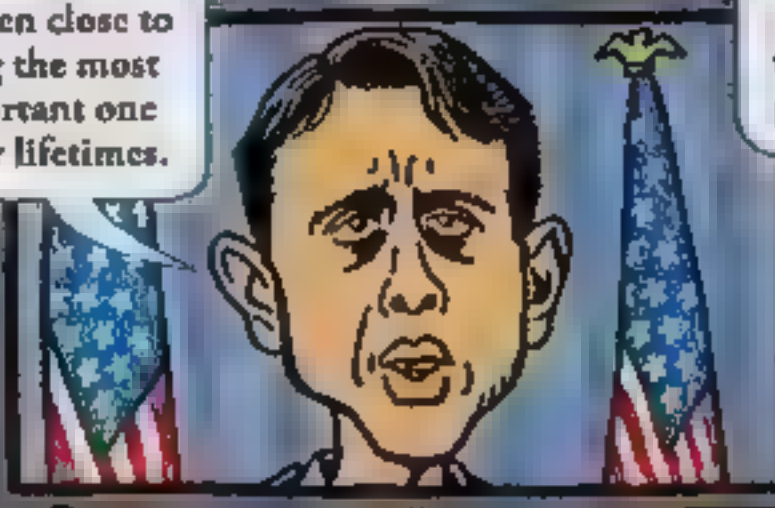


There must be a secret book somewhere that politicians have in common where coming for President. How else can you explain why every four years, political leaders subject us to the same platitudes about the situation, the country and the voters. We know we're asking for the impossible, but just once wouldn't it be great if someone running for the highest office in the land came along and said something like: "Something like this: 'CAMPAIGN QUOTES THAT WOULD BE REFRESHING'".

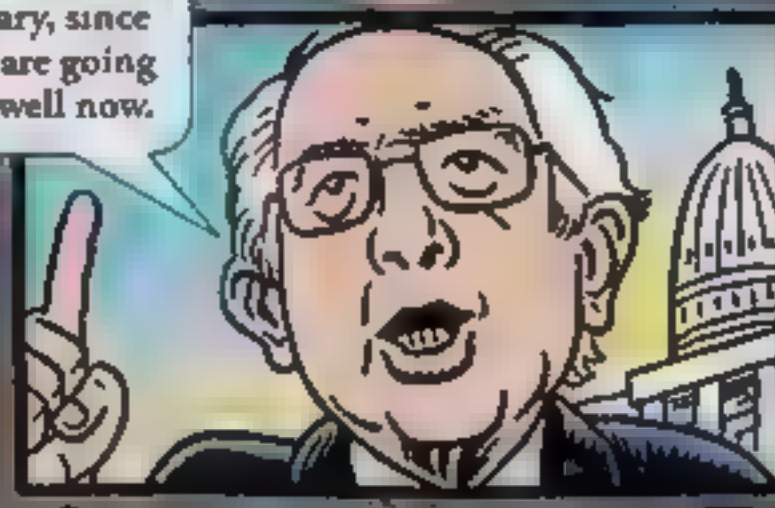
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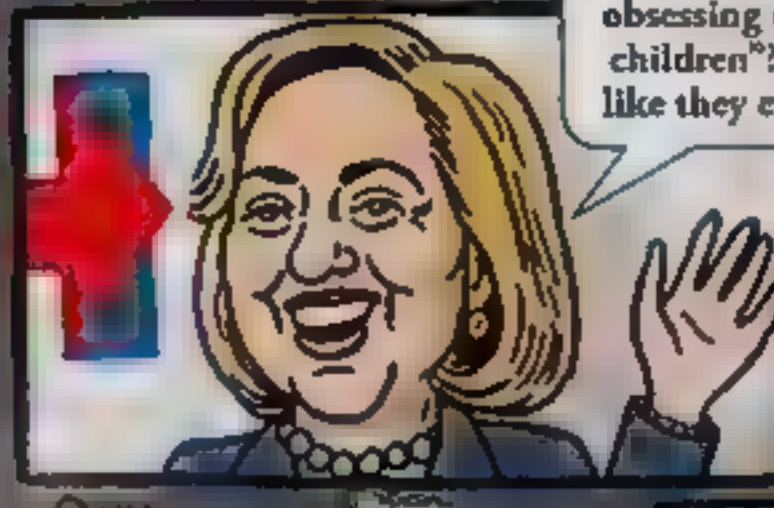
This election is not even close to being the most important one of our lifetimes.



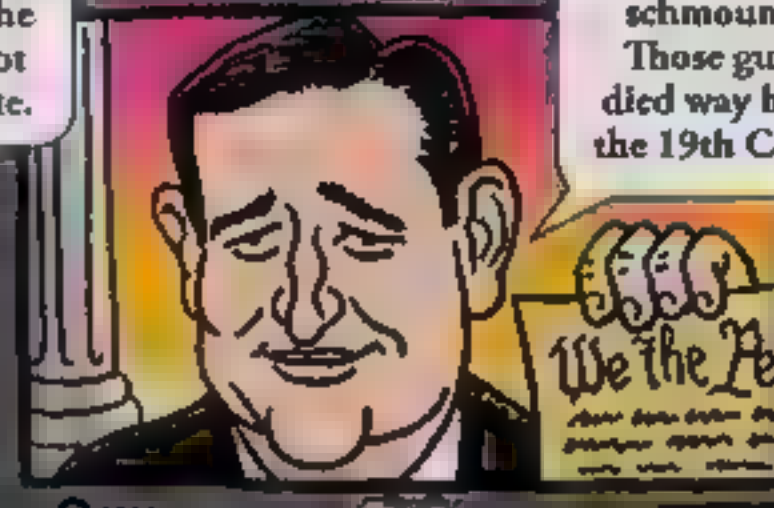
Reform is not necessary, since things are going pretty well now.




Can we please stop obsessing over "the children"? It's not like they even vote.



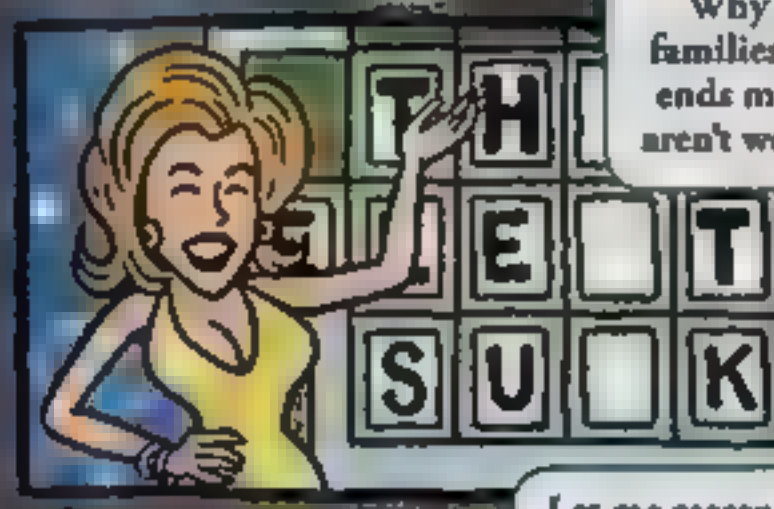
Founders, schmounders. Those guys all died way back in the 19th Century.




Family farms have been the bedrock of this country since its founding, but they're pretty irrelevant now.



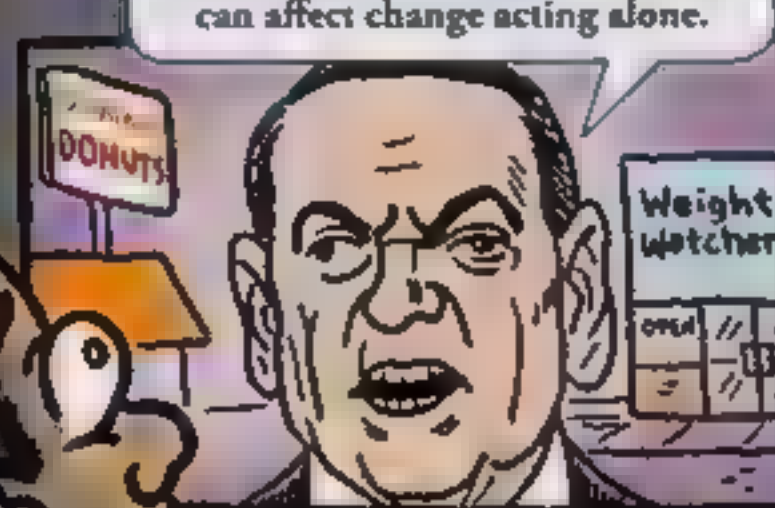
Why are hard-working families struggling to make ends meet? They obviously aren't working hard enough.




We can have peace or we can have prosperity: make up your minds.




There is no need to come together as one nation; I believe each of us can affect change acting alone.




Let me reassure the voters that from day one my top priority will be getting reelected in 2020.



To be honest, I've just never liked Iowa or the people who live there.





The Best of The Idiots

MAD EXPLAINS VANITY FAIR'S NEW STAR WARS COVER

The historic first appearance of a "pants hat" on Vanity Fair's cover

BB-8, posing lovingly at a blender on the craft-service table

John Boyega, in his first non-sweaty, out-of-breath Star Wars appearance



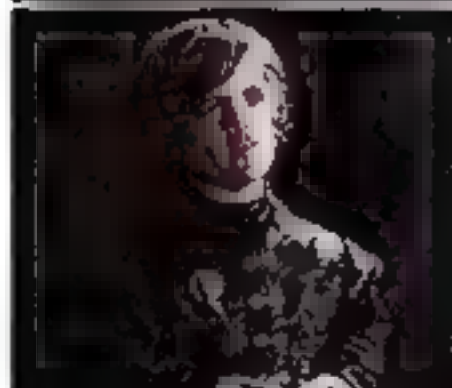
Just moments after the picture was taken, Chewbacca looked over from his own clutch-even fumes

At the last second, J.J. Abrams' hand was used to prop up Harrison Ford's head

The Starting Similarities and Differences Between

GAME OF THRONES

HILLARY CLINTON'S CAMPAIGN



Basic plot involves ruthless people who will do anything to gain access to the throne

Is a source where all things, violence, and silly clothes

Is bankrolled by New York liberal elites

Reviews have been generally positive

Will still be going strong in 2016

Clearly follows George R.R. Martin's epic novel

Is going to end badly for most of its main players



MAD UPDATES THE FIFA LOGO



President Obama's Deleted Tweets

- President Obama**
Now people can tell me DiRECTLY that I'm a Kenyan-born Muslim. Thanks. Twitter!
- President Obama**
I swear to God — if Biden keeps talking to me with his mouth full of half-chewed Kit-Kats, I'm going to LOSE. MY S&%T! #NotHappyWithIt
- President Obama**
Apparently, ISIS just captured Ramadi. .but honestly I'm too bummed about the Wizards losing to care.
- President Obama**
Know what's funny? Your farts don't smell any different when you're president. #HazardousEmissionsREPA
- President Obama**
Wonder if I can sign an executive order to have "The Bachelorette" taken off the air...
- President Obama**
Just 611 days and 14 hours until I leave office! Not that I'm counting. #SweetSweetFreedom

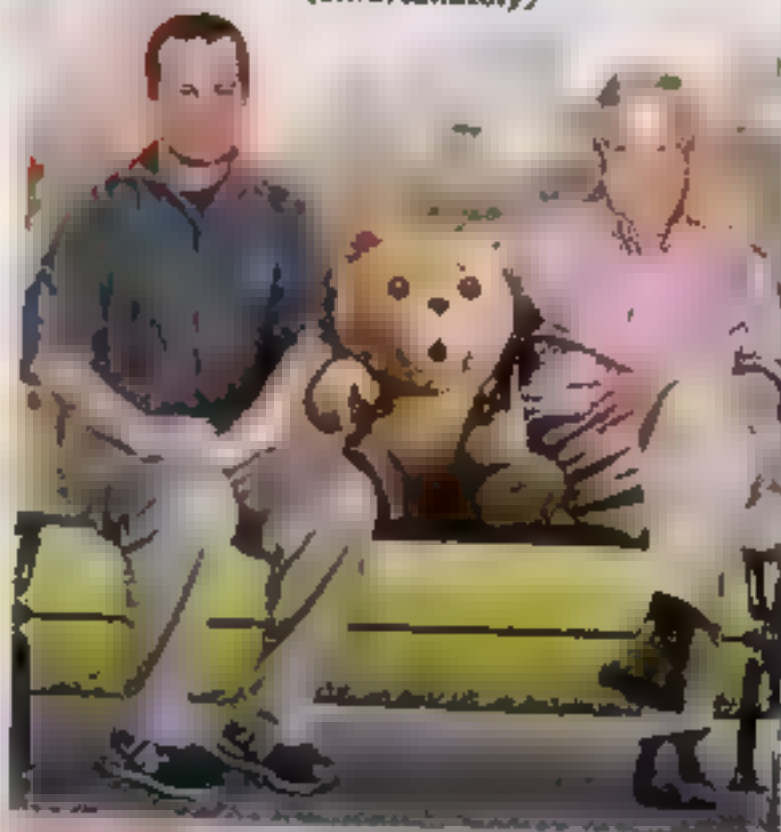
OVERHEARD IN KIM KARDASHIAN'S WOMB



josh duggar dennis hastert

ped2

now playing
(unfortunately)



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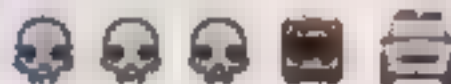
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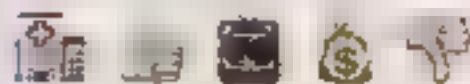
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FOLD PAGE OVER LEFT

B FOLD BACK SO THAT "A" MEETS "B"



**YECCH
FACTOR**



A

B

WRITER AND ARTIST: DAVID KEE

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